

$$\begin{array}{r} 11740.80 \\ 429.26 \\ \hline 12170.06 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 252.522 \\ 853 \\ 818 \\ 902 \\ 715 \\ \hline 255.840 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 142.600 \\ \hline 142.600 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1860 \\ 7610 \\ 3585 \\ 2175 \\ 369 \\ 542 \\ 62.50 \\ 95.50 \\ 6.50 \\ 33.75 \\ 1.92 \\ 30.28 \\ \hline 50.00 \\ 14,371.95 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12170.06 \\ 12000.00 \\ \hline 170.06 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 24000.00 \\ 89000.00 \\ 51300.00 \\ 6300.00 \\ \hline 156461.842 \end{array}$$

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Over 271

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100 1/2 of the United States
House: Oct. 27, 1862.

Sir, I enclose a letter from Mr. [unclear]
[unclear] to you, to which I have
to ask your attention and, if it meets the
requirements of the Department, your approval.

I have the honor to be
your Respectfully
James K. Polk

James Guthrie

Secretary.

Secy of the Treasury
Washington City.

Miner of the United States.
Philad. Oct. 27, 1853.

I have received your favouring the
28th inst. In reply I have the honor to state,
that as gold in its natural condition is always
impure with silver, so it is true to find
silver that is entirely free from gold; the
mine of the Pacific Coast of South America
affording the only exception that is known to
us. With the exception of the Coma of the
South American States we find in the silver
coins of all nations a trace of gold
varying from one thousandth part
down to a trace. The average is perhaps
one half of one thousandth judging from
very numerous experiments and observations
in this office for a long series of years
Some of which I have cause to be made
Since the receipt of your letter with the letter
results. The one thousandth part of gold
would yield two cents to the ounce of silver.

and the lowest paying price in France
and Belgium, where such work is naturally
cheaply done, is somewhat more than cost
per ounce. In refining gold however, a
large amount of silver coin or bullion is
added because the silver is needed in
the operation as an indicator and the production
of gold is an incidental gain.

It is also to be noted however
that if no silver coin has been used in
the way, representative to gold coin, the
to any extent, as a common standard
because the Mexican and other
can be bought at 125 cents per ounce
while one new coin costs 125 cents
cents. The difference would be 25 cents
to the operator.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
Samuel L. ...
Butler, N.Y.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 28, 1853.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. I have discussed the proposed draft of \$100 to the point named & I am agreed that they shall receive 1/4 of one per cent. for freight and insurance. I enclose this receipt.

I think that it is yet in this country a large amount of silver, especially in the South and West, but our future supply will be somewhat reduced in comparison with the past. Our silver purchases for the last week or two have increased. For the month of September, we have received \$1,110,000. Our silver for the last week is \$1,110,000. Our silver for the last week is \$1,110,000. The day, 121 cents an ounce, which when silver is worth 120 for current exchange, will have a constant gain of 1 cent an ounce. That is, it is worth 121 for current.

The carriage expenses may be estimated
at .25 per cent. of the transportation costs as I trust
we have a profit of 1.2 per cent. From
which it appears that we can if necessary
increase our price beyond 1.21 cent per
ounce. The price in London by the recent
advice is for dolls Spanish 26 (such as we, in
1.21 cent) 4.50 plus 11% less for 20, which is
equal to 1.20.9. This being below our price
it does not seem necessary to increase our
as American buyers will seek our market
rather than go abroad. I am glad to
learn that you make an offer of Mexican
dollars to be obtained through a few dollars
for the first. Perhaps it may be more
advantageous to purchase it elsewhere
before rather than purchase at New York
and afterwards carry it over at the
expense of the government.

Whilst it is a matter of price the
price is not a matter of price. Still if our
price is inadequate we can, in some
cases, to profit in the price so
as to leave our countrymen in a better
position.

Our Silver Coinage under the new law is
\$5,000,000. I presume it will require
say \$15,000,000 more to supply the wants of
the country.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Yours obt. servant,

Samuel Edgemoor

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Phil, Oct 28th 1813

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst has been received,
and although the time for competition has
expired, yet I will be glad to receive
any designs you may send me, I enclose
to you a ^{copy of my} circular from which you can obtain
~~all necessary information in relation to the designs,~~
~~for the new silver coins.~~

Respectfully Yours

By Persico Esq
Richmond
Va,

Director

Ocean Band
Newburgh, Oct 28th 1853.

C. C. Dale Esq
Office

Please find enclosed my
check on Commercial Bank of Penna \$200
for which please send me same amt in cents.

Respy. J. Jackson

Mint of the United States,
Dist. Oct. 25, 1853

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th
inst. I have to state that the anticipations
expressed in relation to the Spanish coins are
not altogether true. I am not aware of any
change of which you could cause a transfer
made in the way you desire.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, Robt. Patterson
Assistant.

J. H. Smith Esq.
Dist. Gold & Silver Mining Co.
San Francisco

Oct. 15. 25. * Wilson's Purchase - Silver Coinage.
extended to day of 1110,000. ~~1110,000~~ 1110,000.

Wilson's Purchase - Silver Coinage.
extended to day of 1110,000. ~~1110,000~~ 1110,000.

Office U. S. Depository,
Pittsburgh October 21 1858,

Sir

Enclosed I return you Transfer draft
of \$100 for \$500⁰⁰ for with my endorsement
thereon, as required by your letter of the 15th inst.
and am

Yours great respect,
Yours obt Servt
Geo Hastings, Deputy,
by John Taylor, Clerk

Samuel Sturgeons Esq
Treasury U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pm

100
Dept of the United States
Phil Oct 25th 1833

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst has been
received, and although the time for competition
has expired, yet I will be glad to receive
any designs you may send me, I enclose
to you a copy of my circular,


Respectfully Yours

J. P. Sisco Esq
Richmond
Va

Director

Fridy, Oct 28, 1853.

My dear Sir:—

On Monday last, \$40
were forwarded to the U. S. Mint,
for a Reg. of half-cent coins to be
forwarded to S. P. Webster, No.
14, Sun St., in the care. The
~~express~~ messenger says that he can
get none at the Mint. Can
you tell me when they will be
ready. I enclose you a copy
of my paper, of which you will
see that I had reason to expect
them before now, from the time
and date of your letter. Very respectfully,
J. P. M. 

The coins for me will hereafter
be sent for by Mr. S. P. Webster,
the Am. M. Please address me,
as follows, as soon as convenient,

R. F. Myer,
49 Jay St.,
New York.

$$\begin{array}{r} 11,740.80 \\ 429.76 \\ \hline 12,170.56 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 244,000 \\ 4300 \\ \hline 48,400 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19,200 \\ 11,200 \\ \hline 42,400 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 42,400 \\ 46,000 \\ \hline 88,400 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5620 \\ 5140 \\ \hline 10760 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3450 \\ 2485 \\ \hline 5935 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 349 \\ 499 \\ \hline 848 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 149.50 \\ 218.75 \\ \hline 368.25 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5,20 \\ 27.80 \\ \hline 33.00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.59 \\ 50.20 \\ \hline 51.79 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 29.53 \\ 17.975.87 \\ \hline 17,995.40 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 250.725 \\ 814 \\ \hline 251.539 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 253.840 \\ 11111 \\ \hline 264,951 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15600 \\ 16186282 \\ \hline 161,878,482 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15000000 \\ 43000000 \\ \hline 58000000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36500000 \\ 31500000 \\ \hline 68000000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 26500000 \\ 17000000 \\ \hline 43500000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21254000 \\ 25884000 \\ \hline 47138000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40000 \\ 50000 \\ \hline 90000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50000 \\ 50000 \\ \hline 100000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 79.04 \\ 17975.87 \\ \hline 18,054.91 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,645,117.79 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16.50 \\ 11200 \\ 9000 \\ 5000 \\ 2000 \\ 1000 \\ \hline 107,900 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 17 \\ 41 \\ 61 \\ 75 \\ 74 \\ \hline 266 \end{array}$$

Oct 28

Handwritten calculations on a piece of paper, including various numbers, fractions, and mathematical operations. The calculations are organized into several columns and rows, with some numbers underlined or circled. The paper is placed on a wooden surface.

Top section calculations:

$$\begin{array}{r} 8000 \\ 2700 \\ \hline 11000 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 11670.273 \\ 459.36 \\ \hline 12131.99 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 154 \\ 177 \\ \hline 331 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 21.000 \\ \hline 6700 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 236 \\ 306 \\ \hline 542 \end{array}$$

Middle section calculations:

$$\begin{array}{r} 412 \\ 63 \\ \hline 189.000 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 90.000 \\ 425 \\ \hline 210.250 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 5000 \\ 2700 \\ \hline 2300 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 333.902 \\ 342 \\ \hline 336.980 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 156 \\ 177 \\ \hline 333 \end{array}$$

Bottom section calculations:

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ 15 \\ \hline 385 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 45 \\ 305 \\ \hline 350 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 67 \\ 24 \\ \hline 91 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 170 \\ \hline 204 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 325 \\ 8 \\ \hline 333 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 8300 \\ 2800 \\ \hline 11100 \end{array}$$

Final calculations and results:

$$\begin{array}{r} 12290.43 \\ 4388.08500 \end{array}$$

Additional calculations on the bottom right:

$$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 20 \\ \hline 40 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 48 \\ \hline 73 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ 68 \\ \hline 128 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ 4 \\ \hline 27 \end{array}$$

Mint of the United States.
Philad. Oct. 29, 1854.

Sir,

Herewith I transmit descriptions of the
appropriations required for the Mint and Branches
and the assay office in New York for the
fiscal year 1854-5. Also specifications of
appropriations required for the Branch Mint
at San Francisco and the assay office at
New York for the current fiscal year
ending June 30, 1854. By this day's mail
a copy thereof with the grounds of the
estimates is sent to the Secretary of the
Treasury.

I am very Respectfully
Yours Obedient,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

F. B. Sigbee Esq.
Register of the Treasury
Washington City.

*A Statement of Deposits & Coinage
At the Mint of the United States Philadelphia during the Month of Oct., 1853*

Gold Bullion Deposited
From California \$ 4,324,000
" Other Sources 125,000
\$ 4,449,000

Silver Bullion Deposited \$ 6,250,000

Gold Coinage
Pieces Value
Double Eagles 40,470 \$ 809,400
Eagles " " " " " "
Half Eagles 23,725 118,625
Quarter Eagles 91,864 239,660
Gilded Dollars 542,935 542,935
In fine gold Bars 3,571,236,95

Silver Coinage
Pieces Value
Half Dollars 636,000 \$ 218,000
Quarter Dollars 3,100,000 775,000
Dimes 1,540,000 154,000
Half Dimes 1260,100 63,000
P 6,536,100 \$ 1,217,000

Copper
Pieces Value
Cents 832,000 \$ 8,320

*Mint of the United States
Phila. Oct. 31st 1853.*

1. 100,000 1/2 dollar coins
 2. 100,000 1/4 dollar coins
 3. 100,000 1/10 dollar coins
 4. 100,000 1/20 dollar coins
 5. 100,000 1/40 dollar coins
 6. 100,000 1/80 dollar coins
 7. 100,000 1/160 dollar coins
 8. 100,000 1/320 dollar coins
 9. 100,000 1/640 dollar coins
 10. 100,000 1/1280 dollar coins
 11. 100,000 1/2560 dollar coins
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Minut of the United States
Phil Oct. 29th 1881

Dear Sir - In relation to the statement made by the
superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco to the effect
that the dies recently sent to that Branch, were of superior quality
to those which were formerly sent in their adaptation to the
hardening & grinding process, I would by leave to say
that the dies complained of were so far as I
have any knowledge of were of the same quality
in all respects as those which were sent
in this mint without difficulty or any dis-
advantage to the coining operations whatever.

In the dies used for the new issue
of silver coin on the reverse especially of the
half & quarter dollars, more care may have
been required in the grinding and a slight
change in the radius of the basins, but this
should have been obvious to the person operating
with proper attention.

James B. Seymour
Engraver

J. H. Snowden &
Director

Treasury Department

Octo 20 1858.

Sir Referring to my letter to you, a few days since, relative to the future supplies of silver for coinage at the Mint, and to an expected offer to furnish such supplies from Mexico, I have now to enclose an extract from a letter received from John A. Hepburn Esq of New York on the subject of the said offer.

In your forthcoming reply, will you please take into view the facts stated in this extract, if you regard them as material, and, at any rate, explain more fully their import and force than Mr Hepburn has done.

Sincerely &c

James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasury

J. Loss Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Phila

Extract from letter of David Aspin-
wall Esq. dated New York Oct 28 53

"Our last letters quote the dollar
of Mexico at 60 1/8 pence, reduced
to pure silver, and a close
calculation of ~~the~~ actual expenses
so shows this to be equal to
£ 1. 2463 ~~per~~ at the Mint at this
without allowing any commission
to agents in Mexico or any
compensation to us"

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{If we give } 1.21 \text{ for } \frac{900}{1000} = \\ \text{Remains } 1.34 \frac{4}{5} \end{array}$$

121.755

Treasury Department
Octo 20 1873

Sir

I have read Professor Hooper's
letter contained in yours of the 20th
instant, on the subject of a new
alloy for the Cent coinage. Will
you please request him, as I think
favorably of his plan, to state more
explicitly the profit or disadvantage
on the present and the proposed cent
coins respectively.

Sincerely Resp
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury

L Ross Snowden Esq

Director of
the Mint Phila

Treasury Department
October 31. 1853

Sir

I will thank you to furnish
the Department with a statement of the probable
profits of the new Cent Coinage as proposed
by Mr. Booth - and, also, that on the present
copper Coinage.

I am very Resp^t
Yours Truly
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden &
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

GEO. E. ARNOLD & CO.
Dealers in Exchange Coin, Bank Notes, &c.

Pittsburgh, November 30th 1853
Jat. Raf. Shenden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We herewith hand you our
\$2000 on Parker Brothers & Co for \$1000,
for which you will oblige us by sending by
Adams & Co gold dollars.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Geo. E. Arnold & Co

Recd from J. R. Shenden by the above men-
tioned amt for one thousand dollars
Adams & Co
L. P. H. H. H.

U.S. Patent Office
November 20th 1853.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been recd.
enclosing draft on the Mechanics Bk. N. Y. for \$1000.
and the Silver Coins requested have been forwarded
by Adams' Ex. Co. express as designated.

Respectfully Yours,

Samuel R. Snowdon,
Director U. S. P. O.

Samuel Lord Esq.
Cashier Bk. N. Y.
Berkman's Bk. N. Y.

No 1756

Nov 1 1853

James R. Snowden Esq. Justice County Bank
Gaithersburg Md. Tanite Nov 29 1853

So for

I sent a lot of
Silver Coins, together with one hundred dollars in
Gold to the mint for coinage I assisted in, there
being Spanish, French, Mexican & U.S. coins.
The amount returned was \$1655.10.
I wish to know if I was allowed all that belonged
to me by your rules and circulars.

Very Respectfully
Yours to the point
Wm. Allen
J. Fox

Wm. Fox Esq.

\$ 1310 -
100 -
\$ 1210 -

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 28, 1853.

Friend Sir,

I have your letter of the 23rd inst
and the enclosed stated. The proceeds of \$100.00
and are handed you for Messrs Adams & Co's
in New York as requested.

I am, very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Newton
Director.

Wm. Adams & Co.

Ciffin, Ohio

Meadville Nov 28. 1853

Dear Saml R. Snodden

I am Sir
we are about ask a favor of
you, which will be some trouble
but as we have no one in
your City that we are a
quainted with we took the
liberty to send it to you, our
town is about destitute of small
change, this is for several merchants
of our place, we want 3 cent
pieces, Dimes half dimes and
quarters, please send as much
small stuff as you can as
that is very scarce, if you
will take the trouble to get the
drafts and money changed in
to Gold and forward us the
amt in the coin as mentioned above
we will be under a very great
obligation to you, and will do
as much for you in return
if a probability offers

Yours Truly

Battle Ferryth Co

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
November 28th 1858

In your Abstract of Silver purchased made
during the month of June 1858 your attention
is called to what seems to be an error of \$250.⁰⁰ for
during that month \$62,507⁰⁰ coined of
Silver was purchased at \$1.21 per ounce receipt
\$690.⁰⁰ at the rate of \$1.01 per ounce equal to
\$680,095.⁶¹ when the amount paid & to be paid
is per abstract & receipts \$699,845.⁰⁰ making
the difference before stated

Please make the necessary explanations
at your earliest convenience

To
Hon David Clingman
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
your obt^d servt

J. S. Smith
Auditor

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Laurelton April 29/1883.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller Office;
Nov. 28th 1853.

Dear Surgeon Genl
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

Your account of Copper
Coinage, for the Month of June 1853, has been audited
at the Treasury, and a balance of \$6,481.⁸¹ found
to be due from you to the United States, which amount
is as follows

Copper Account	\$4,100.00
Copper Coinage	\$2,381.81
	<hr/>
	\$6,481.81

Most respectfully,
Elisha Whittelsey.
Comptroller.

Copied
U. S.
Ph. Nov. 28, 1853

Sir

I recd at 4 o'clock P. M. per
Adm. report to mine of to-day in
which you report to the proposed
change in the mode of paying for
silver parties per gold.

I am inclined to doubt you
with a telegraph from the fact that
our silver dollars are exhausted
and I am anxious of having the
change take effect in the 1st inst.
I will telegraph to Mr. Branch
minister to Mexico, so as to have
the system uniform at all the
points.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Johnson
Director
Hon. S. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treas.
Washington

$$\begin{array}{r} 3187.50 \\ 708.10 \\ \hline 3893.44 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 175.00 \\ 2.00 \\ \hline 177.00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 179.00 \\ 2.00 \\ \hline 181.00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 380.637 \\ 2.00 \\ \hline 382.637 \end{array}$$

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✓	3295	✓	35 000 00	14
✓	1277.50	✓	46 000 00	40
✓	189.00	✓	150 000 00	14
✓	210.00	✓	247 000 00	14
✓	147.50	✓	385 000 00	2
✓	247.50	✓	105 000 00	8
✓	30.10	✓	90 000 00	1
✓	21.65	✓	179 160 00	14
✓	5.83	✓	380 859 00	8
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Nov 28/08

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Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a Nov. 26. 1853

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of yesterday I send you a statement exhibiting the deposits of gold of domestic production at the Mint of the United States from the first deposits of the same to the 31st of October 1853.

From 1804, when the first deposits were made, up to 1823 the quantity of gold received from domestic sources, was not large enough to attract notice. Up to the last named period it had only been received from North Carolina and had not exceeded \$2,500 yearly. I have therefore stated the aggregate amount received up to 1823 included, and the amount annually received in subsequent years.

This statement, as well as three forms, used on the 23rd inst, have been rapidly prepared for your immediate use, & believe them to be substantially correct, and sufficiently accurate to meet the object you may have in view. In the report which by the 2nd act of the 27th of August, passed Jan. 1837 I am required to make to the President of the United States, I will present these statistics and other relating to the operations of the Mint more fully.

and at large.

I leave the honor to be

with great respect,

Yours faithful servant,

Charles R. Townsend

U.S. Senator from N.H.

Hon. James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington City.

P.S. I omitted to sign nos 1-2 & 3
of the statements sent me the 4th inst. for
recopying, your name caused my name to
be placed to them. I got them done at
a very late hour of that day and inadvertently
made the omipious mistake.

C. R. T.

Treasury of the U.S. States
November 26. 1853

Saml. Sturgeons, Esq.
Treas. of the Mint. Philada.
Sir,

It has long been the practice
for the Treasurer of the Mint, at the commencement
of each quarter, to furnish the Secretary of the
Treasury and the Treasurer, each, a statement
showing the changes of the Bullion account
during the previous quarter.

These statements, when rendered promptly, are
sufficient for our purposes, and render it
unnecessary to furnish them for fractions of a
quarter.

Very respectfully,
Sam. Casey
Secy. U. States

Chief of the United States
Chief Mining Office
November 22, 1882.

Statement of Metallage and Estimated Mining from
along Copper channeling Tubes on the
Chief Mining Department

Total Silver Ingots Mined in 1882	\$635,904.40	—	\$1,124,100.00
Metallage " 1882	\$652.00	—	\$815.00

Amount of Silver Ingots Mined in November 1882			
to Mined (channelled in Tubes)	\$611,306.80	—	\$1,124,100.00
Silver Metallage in November 1882 would be	\$652.00	—	\$815.00

Metallage on the above \$611,306.80 from the Chief Mining Working Bank	\$340.00	—	\$462
and cost of Copper Tubes estimated to have been used during the above time	283	—	\$140.80

Estimated Mining during the above period \$39.00
on the Silver account only, the Gold worked in the
same time was accounted on the same Copper Tubes, and
the Mining on the Gold account is not taken into
consideration, nor is the time, labour and expense
attending the Drain-Work, Cutting Trenches and
additional labour in the Whitening operations
mentioned, and finally the same tubes are yet in use, and
capable of a large amount of work.

$$\begin{array}{r} 42 \\ 44 \\ \hline 144.00 \\ \sqrt{111} \\ 111 \\ \hline 33 \\ 330 \\ \hline 000 \\ \hline 000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 216 \\ 44 \\ \hline 1192.00 \\ \sqrt{111} \\ 111 \\ \hline 33 \\ 330 \\ \hline 000 \\ \hline 000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3210.54 \\ 612.40 \\ \hline 5895.44 \end{array}$$

✓ 1320	✓ 3893	44	0%
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✓ 3435	✓ 1200	00	1/1
✓ 1255	✓ 17700	00	1/1
✓ 178	✓ 1200	600	00
✓ 248	✓ 68	600	00
✓ 169	✓ 341	660	12
✓ 18.25	✓ 455	000	00
✓ 36.40	✓ 40	44	000
✓ 22.85	✓ 50	000	00
✓ 1.11	✓ 175	000	00
✓ 14.42	✓ 247	000	00
✓ 5.00	✓ 365	000	00
✓ 87	✓ 105	000	00
✓ 13.773.90	✓ 90	000	00
	✓ 179	460	00
	✓ 360	859	00
	✓ 500	00	1/4
	✓ 500	00	1/2
	✓ 500	00	1/40
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		2.68494646	

$$\begin{array}{r} 65.600 \\ 500 \\ \hline 69.100 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 45.50 \\ 820 \\ \hline 45.50 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 17.700 \\ 447.500 \\ \hline 440.200 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 140.600 \\ 500.000 \\ \hline 191.100 \end{array}$$

Col. Snowden for the United States Mint
We will extend pipe from the back
meter through the machine shop and attach
Nine Universal Bracket - also extend pipe in —
adjoining room for the sum of one hundred
and ten dollars
\$110.00

Phila. ^{Pa} Nov 26th 1853

Stratton & Brother
No 22 South 8th St

Mint of the U. S.

Melter & Refiner's Office

Phila 26. Nov. 1853

Dear Sir

In the process of parting two days are req^d for a charge, & hence in beginning on Friday morning it is necessary to finish on Saturday afternoon, so that some over-time is requisite by a few of my men to complete the refining. I have long since cut down the number of men who had over-time for this work, reserving only so many as are req^d to finish it. While I therefore solicit such over-time, I will endeavour to reduce it to a minimum.

After the day's refining is concluded, I always leave one man on duty, until my watchman comes at 7 o'clock P.M., to watch against fire & to continue washing the

filters. This is the least that can
be allowed with safety for overtime
in this respect; for our building is
too insecure against fire & other acci-
dents to leave from a half to one
million ^{dollars of gold} exposed in open vessels, without
due guard; added to which the un-
interrupted continuance of washing
is essential to success in purifying
silver & gold.

It was by this system of economy
that I have not increased my num-
ber of hands in proportion to the
increase of business.

Respectfully yours
J. A. Booth
M & R.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director, U. S. Mint.

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Elizabethtown N.Y.

Nov 25 1853

Director of U.S. Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir,

The Post master of this place and myself are anxious to obtain from the Mint about 2 or 3000 Copper cents, and do not know how to procure them. Can we procure them from you by sending the money to any friend in Phila. who will receive them for us? If so you will please drop us a note to that effect and very much oblige

Yours with respect

E. H. Maycraft

Treasury Department
Nov. 25th 1853.

Sir,

Yours of the 23rd inst, with the accompanying
tables, has been received.

I will be obliged to you for an additional state-
-ment, giving the amount of gold of domestic production de-
-posited at the Mint and its Branches, in each year
from the time when the first deposit was made, to the 31st
of October 1853. In this statement it will not be necessary
to give the amount deposited at the Mint and each of its
branches. The aggregate for each year is what is wanted.

Very Respectfully,

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

To

J. A. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

1804 to 23
1824

Viscataqua Exchange Bank
Portsmouth, N.H. Nov 25, 1853

James Rags Snowden
Director of the U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

I enclose my check
on the Mechanics Bank, New York, for One Thousand Dollars,
for which please send me by Adams 1000 Copies Half Dollars
and Quarters of new coinage.

Yours &c
Samuel Lord Cash.

Recd. This^d Nov 29 of Appleton
the above amt for one thousand dollars
Adams &
J. H. C. M.D.

Treasury Department
Nov 25 1883

Sir

I have received your
letter of the 24th instant, and have
to say in reply that the change you
recommend in the mode of paying
for silver parted from gold is
approved

Sincerely Respy
James S. Smith
Sec Treasury

J Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
November 25th 1858

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit at your earliest
convenience the receipts of those persons from whom silver, and
purchases during the month of June last.

Very Respectfully
your obt^d servant
J. S. Smith

Auditor

Wm. Daniel Plurgen
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

$$\begin{array}{r} 32106.84 \\ 684.80 \\ \hline 31422.04 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 1192.67 \\ 30 \\ 75 \\ \hline 360 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 105 \\ \hline 185 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 185 \\ 90 \\ \hline 95 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 175.00 \\ 175.00 \\ \hline 175.00 \end{array}$$

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✓	4000.00	8
	900.00	14
	28400.00	148
	130500.00	4
	58200.00	148
6010	3411.660.12	148
✓	455.000.00	8
✓	44000.00	5.14
✓	50000.00	4
✓	175000.00	14
✓	247000.00	14
✓	360000.00	2
✓	1050000.00	2
✓	90000.00	14
✓	179640.00	14
✓	324222.00	4
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	500.00	14
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BANKING HOUSE OF ARNOLD & TOMB,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, 23 Oct 1883

Dr. J. Ross Snowden Esq

Director

We enclose our check
1290 Fulton St & Adams St \$1000
for which please send us by
Express Silver change, quarter,
dime & 1/2 dime, 1000

Yours truly
James G. Tomb
J. G. Tomb

Recd of J. Ross Snowden Esq the above mentioned
\$1000 for. Puthouse and sale,

Adams St
for J. Ross Snowden

Alfred Spingarn, director

Chicago Nov 23 1853

Dear Sir Will You send me - free
of charge as formerly - a key of cents of
100 dollars by forwarding sight draft on
N.Y. And early answer will oblige

Yours truly J B Carter

Do You furnish 3, 5 or 10 9 pieces for
Boston Convention

Ans^d. Nov 28 - 1st ques. Yes.

2^d " Yes.

3^d " 3 ch. not coins other

del. coin to be had for gold. &c.

2.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed change in the currency of paper for silver notes, from gold certificates &c. Consider it important and proper that the change should be made. The blanks and postage accounts for the Treasury that are now being prepared, are being prepared, no question of the former are delayed until your measures are decided. If the change proposed is approved I wish it to go into effect by the 1st prox. and if not approved I will have to issue the currency of silver notes of the old standard weight.

These considerations induce me to ask your early attention to the subject.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect

Hon. James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Yours faithful friend

Samuel R. Thompson
at Wm.

Dept of the United States
Philadelphia Sept 30th 1833

To the Treasurer of the Dept.
Charge Silver purchases made by you
from July 1st to September 30th 1833.

Copy

U. S.

Phil^a Nov 23. 1853.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the
21st inst I enclose the following statements
viz,

No 1 Statement of amt. of gold & silver domestic
productions at Phil^a Mint. to Oct 31,
1853.

No 2. A similar statement - Personal funds

No 3 Summary exhibit of all the mints.

No 4 A statement of value of domestic
pro. for Jan. 1844. to Oct 31,
1853.

L. R. V.

Minut of the Executive State.
March 21st 1843

Sir,
I have your letter of yesterday. The
Statement which you are in favour of is
it hope to be able to send it to you tomorrow.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James A. Buchanan
Secretary

Hon. James Buchanan
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

4804

Recd 23 Nov.
Mem. Sent

Rockville Con. Nov 19. 1858.

N. L. M.

On the 5th day of Nov^r inst. I
deposited for weighing &c. 18^{1/2} lbs of
of gold dust.

I understood that a certificate of Value
would be forwarded by mail the next
week.

Thinking that there is some mistake in
my address or that it is expected that
I will call for the same I ~~keep~~ keep this time to
omit any mistake that might occur.

I enclose Certificate to

P. Valcott
Rockville
Con.

P. Valcott

Treasury Department
Nov. 21st 1853.

Sir

I will be obliged to you for a statement of
the amount of gold of domestic production, and of the
amount of silver of domestic production, deposited in
the Mint and its branches, in each year, from the time
in which such deposits were first made to the 31st of
October 1853.

Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

To

J. A. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Rec 225 Nov
Ans Dr

Celina, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1853.

Treasurer of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

We remitted you per
Express on the 5th inst a bag of
California Gold Dust marked 18425-
and wrote you by mail instructing
you to return us a certificate for the
amt of proceeds by mail. We have
received nothing from you or any one
connected with the mint in relation
to it.

Will you please answer us im-
mediately whether you received the Gold
and if you have to return proceeds
as directed.

Very Respectfully
Drake Forsman

15 Nov.

No 4476 -

25.01 - 24.51

- \$ 459.77 -

18 Nov

San Francisco, Nov. 30, 1853.
Dear Sturgeon Esq
Dr. Sir

We recd your favor of the 25th in relation to our Bag of Gold Dust. We were not aware of the regulations of the Mint when we sent you the Gold, but supposed you could enclose us a Memorandum of the amt of proceeds, we could then draw on you and give you no farther trouble. Messrs. Harnden & Co. have not made any return to us although twelve days have passed since they received the money. If this is a specimen of their promptness we beg to select some other agents to attend to our business in future. We have no complaints to make, but cannot forbear the remark that it is a great pity the Government cannot afford to employ sufficient Clerical force in the Mint to answer letters addressed on business.

Very Respectfully
Drake & Foreman

Treasury Department
Nov 19 1853.

Sir

I will be obliged to you for a statement of
the amount of Gold of Southern Production, deposited
at the Mint and its branches, from Jan 1st to Sept 30 1853.

Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

To

J. R. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Private

Department of the Interior
November 19th 1853

Sir,

I am desirous of obtaining reliable information
as to what was the actual market value of Ten-
nessee five per cent Coupon bonds on or about
the 22^d February, last. This information is sought
for the benefit of the public service and if you
can procure it for me conveniently, you will
oblige me by doing so.

I am, Sir, very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant.

H. W. Hurland

Chief Clerk

Care, Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia,

P. A.

1853

Feb 22 Sale of Tennessee Coupon 5% Bonds, c 95. say \$14,000

now selling at 97.

San Macabester Co

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J. Q. S.



Office of the New-York and California
STEAMSHIP LINE,
The Accessory Transit Company, (of Nicaragua,) Proprietors,
FOR CALIFORNIA,
BY THE WAY OF NICARAGUA,
No. 5 Bowling Green.

New-York, Dec 19, 1853.

This Line is Composed of the Following First Class Steamers:

The **NORTHERN LIGHT**,
The **PROMETHEUS**, Capt. Churchill,
The **STAR of the WEST**, Capt. Tinklepaugh,
The **PACIFIC**, Capt. Le Fevre,
The **BROTHER JONATHAN**, Capt. Baldwin,
The **SIERRA NEVADA**, Capt. Blethen,
The **CORTES**, Capt. Cropper.

*Leaving New-York for SAN JUAN DEL NORTE,
on the 5th and 20th of every Month, at 3 o'clock, P. M.
from Pier No. 2, N. R., the second Pier north of the
Battery.*

*Leaving SAN FRANCISCO for SAN JUAN DEL
SUR, on the 1st and 15th of every Month.*

All now in their places on the Line, for which they have been expressly designed in their arrangements, and unsurpassed in speed, safety, and accommodations.

When the above dates fall on Sunday, the day of departure will be the Saturday previous.

The Harbors of SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, on the ATLANTIC, and SAN JUAN DEL SUR, on the PACIFIC OCEAN, are easy of access, and afford the most complete shelter.

The route of the ACCESSORY TRANSIT COMPANY OF NICARAGUA, with which this Line connects, passes through the REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA, from SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, by Steamboats up the SAN JUAN RIVER, and across LAKE NICARAGUA, from which that river flows to VIRGIN BAY, and thence by horses and mules over a good road, only twelve miles in length, to the port of SAN JUAN DEL SUR, the entire distance being 162 miles. The Company has now, on lake and river, ten Steamboats, all built expressly for the business, and now successfully performing the service for which they were designed.

The arrangements made by the proprietors on the Transit Route, are such as to insure the most speedy and comfortable transportation of passengers from NEW-YORK to SAN FRANCISCO, and no delay need be anticipated at any point of the route.

The great saving of distance by this route over others heretofore established, which may be seen on reference to the map, and a speedy and comfortable transit from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL AND HEALTHFUL COUNTRY, offer inducements to California travelers, equalled by no other line; the natural advantages are such as to have excited the marked attention of every traveler who has passed over it; and the recently increased means of transportation, and improvements in the navigation and land route, render this route worthy of public confidence.

No. 5 Bowling Green.

James Taylor,
Morgan of
H. Phillips

Rec Phil Nov 15th 1853 of Mass Ins.
- Am director of US Mint offt in Phil
Commonwealth MS for five hundred
dolls proceed of which to be forwarded
to Bureau of Cash in Silver coin
H. S. S. Livingston & Co
Per J. M. Hamison

Copy
Received Philadelphia Nov 19th 1833, of
The Treasurer of the United States Atmt. Philadelphia
Transfer Draft No 427, drawn on the Treasurer
of the Branch Atmt New Orleans for the Million
of Dollars (say \$1,000,000) which we agree to collect
and deliver the proceeds at the U.S. Atmt Philadelphia.

We agree to transport and
insure against all risks the above named
amount, by the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to
either Wheeling Va, or Pittsburgh, Pa, and from
thence to Philadelphia for the sum of Ten Thousand
Dollars, (say \$10,000) under an arrangement entered
into this day and approved by the Director
of the U.S. Atmt. Payment for freight
and insurance to be made by the U.S.
Treasury Department

Adams, & Co

The above mentioned Transfer Draft
is payable in Silver Bullion

Approved: L.P. Ingham
Director

Ad. Co

Office of the District Clerk
Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1853.

Sir,

On receiving your letter of yesterday
I addressed a note to Messrs. Livingston & Co. (Chem.
and Express) and advised a copy that the manner
in which they were bringing the vitam from New
Orleans would be by sea to New York and from
thence land by the Camden & Atlantic Railroad.
In accordance with your instructions
I have employed Messrs. Adams & Co. as an agent
to bring it to this point, a copy of their receipt
and engagement is enclosed to you. Independent
of the fact that a carriage by the water is a
lot less a day or more and the price is less, I
very much doubt that the ability of Messrs. Adams &
Co. to do the work is greater than that of
Messrs. Livingston & Co. in outside business. I
trust it will be a great relief to the company
to have it done by them. The enclosed
is to the purpose.

In response to your letter of the 10th inst.
at which I have to thank you for the
gift of the paper I sent to you as before
on the subject of the paper I have from him it is
sent to him in the hope that he will be
of service to you in that point.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours faithfull servant
Henry Phelps

Rev. Amos A. Phelps
Secy of the Board
Washington City.

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Nov 17

Treasury Department
Nov 16th 1853.

Sir

I will be obliged to you for a statement of
the coinage of gold and the coinage of silver at the Mint
and its branches, from the 1st of January to the 30th of
September 1853.

Very respectfully
James H. Miller
Secretary of the Treasury

To

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Crouse Bank

Mass. W. L. Hunt

Syracuse Nov 16 1855

Esq. Cashier

Dear Sir-

Your favor of the _____ with

enclosed is received, and shall have attention

I enclose for collection 1 Key Cent to which please forward

Respectfully &c

A. S. Butler Esq

Myself on Bk. of N. Y. 100.

Treasury Department

Nov. 16. 1852.

Sir

Referring to my letter to you of the 10th and to yours in reply, of the 15th instant, I have now to state that Mr Shoemaker of the firm of Adams & Co. has been here, and made representations upon the subject of the transfer of the slaves from New Orleans to your city, including the route which the slaves would take and the ability of his house to respond for any loss which might occur. I have therefore to say that if you shall understand that Messrs Harnden & Co. propose to convey the slaves by sea, or learn that they are of doubtful ability to respond for such losses. You are authorized to contract with Messrs Adams & Co. on the terms, say 10,000 \$ - offered by them.

Cannot the costage at New Orleans on slaves be increased by increasing the number of workmen, as well as

by the means suggested in your letter

Lambert Resp

James E. Munn

Levy Prang

[illegible]

I have Snow den 49

Secretary of the Hunt
Phil a.

Philad.

Friend Hunter

Please forward Ref \$100
Copper marked Bk of Washington &
charge an expense on W Bille

The note came so late
has ~~no~~ time to send to Bk for the money
and have not got it in hand to return
Please attend to this

Yours truly

O S Smith

Wash D C Nov 10/53

Miner at the United States
Philadelphia, Decr 15, 1883.

Sir,

I find it necessary to propose a change in the mode of paying the labor portion from gold deposits. By an arrangement adopted in 1871 and continued to the present time, layments for ore have been made in silver dollars of the old standard weight of 412 1/2 grains. When received in the paying room they are generally carried into the assay room and purchased at our price of 1.21 cents per ounce. I propose to make one deduction of it and include the value of the silver portion from the gold in the gold warrants at our market price. This will relieve us from some inconvenience and unnecessary labor. Besides, a portion of the silver dollars that have been paid out are carried away and melted and used for manufacturing and other purposes. My attention has been irresistibly been called to the subject from the fact that our supply of these dollars is nearly exhausted and if the system is continued I will have to procure a quantity of them to be coined.

to make this done to produce coin which could
not circulate and must be used as an article
of merchandise. You are aware that the
new plan Comage laws can not embrace
our unit - the dollar. But the proposed
change seems further to be desirable as we
will thus avoid the receipt and expense of
supplying the Branch Banks at Charlotte
and Savannah with silver dollars to pay the
gold depositors and as these banks do not
coin silver, they must either be made to
do so or seek some distant market.

For a calculation sufficiently accurate the
difference between the value of the silver dollar
and our purchasing price of silver is 4 per
cent. I therefore propose with your approval
to pay 4 per cent. premium for the silver pur-
chased from gold depositors and to cause the
depositors to be paid therefor in gold
coins with the proceeds of their gold deposits.
This mode then be released from paying silver
dollars and purchasing them back again,
of the labor and expense of ~~paying~~ carrying
silver dollars - part of which goes into

the hands of manufacturers - and from
the expense of sending silver dollars to such
of the Branch Banks as do not coin silver.
In this arrangement no injustice will be
done the depositor. His deposit is gold;
but we pay him the full value of the silver
which the process of the mint has sepa-
rated from his gold.

I have the honor to be
(with great respect
Your faithful servant,
Samuel A. B. Cheney
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Wm. Nov. 15th 1853

Col. Jos. R. Smith
Director U. S. Mts

Sir

Your reply is
satisfactory. We only wish to know
whether you considered the transportation
by us decided upon, as we must
arrange for Insurance as speedily as
possible. The amt being so large that
we may be compelled to use several
companies.

Yours Obedt Servt
Adam Mox

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Nov. 16, 1858.

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the following books which you have the kindness to send me, to be placed in the Library of the Mint: viz:

15 vol. Ex. Sec. 32^d Cong. R. Sept. - 1857-2

1 vol. Annual Rpts. " " " "

1 vol. Miscellaneous " " " "

1 vol. Rpt. of Committee " " " "

It is important that our records have these and similar documents in the Mint, and I thank you for your kindness in giving us your private attention. Any further favors of like character will be thankfully acknowledged.

I am, dear Colonel,

with great respect,

Hon. Wm. P. Money,
Clerk. House of Reps.
Washington City.

Yours friend and obedient,
Samuel R. Newell,
Director.

Rochester NY Nov 11 1853
Trust US Post
Philadelphia

We enclose herein
Lft for Union Ake on May 25th 1851
for which please forward us the amt enclosed

Respectfully

Walter Foster & Co

at New York

236 3
240 2
242 1
244 1

Wrestbury Nov 14th 1863

Mr Snowden

Dear Sir

We have two rolls partly finished for the mint, but they were forged too small on the bearings and will not finish more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter although the face of the rolls will finish 8 in diam & 10 in long - We can make them any way like the gages we had from you, except the bearings will be about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch less in diameter. We are aware that you would have to make boxes for them if you have no old boxes that would answer by turning out, but it will be a great loss to us if you cannot use them. We think the steel is the best we ever had and trust you will use them if you can, possibly. Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly

Mason & Johnson

Mint of the United States:

Philad^a., November 18th., 1858.

Messrs. Blake & Johnson,

Watertown:

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 14th. inst. has been received and in reply I would inform you that I referred your statement to our Chief Engineer D. Reade, Esq. who gave it as his decided opinion that if the Rolls are received it will be requisite not only to make new Boxes throughout, but to procure and fit new pulleys, or bush those now in use, thereby causing considerable expense and further delay, besides interrupting the work of the Mint, which it is to be avoided especially at the present time. The period fixed for the completion of the Rolls, he reminds me, was the 1st. inst.

You will remember that exact Gauges were furnished to you by the Mint and it is to be regretted that these should not have been an exact execution in every stage of the work.

While I would willingly, if possible, prevent loss and inconvenience to you, I feel compelled, after the views presented by Mr. Reade, to decline receiving the Rolls you have prepared.

Very Respectfully, &c.

Director.

Memorandum in answer to Messrs Blake & Johnson
By Chief Engineer.

Fast Quizes were furnished for the construction of the Bolls ordered by the Mistr. and proper precautions would or should have insured exact execution in every stage of the work.

If the Rolls are tedious, it will be requisite to make New Books, throughout, & to procure and fit, New pulleys, or Bush Stones now in use. thereby causing considerable expense, and further delay, & besides interrupting the work of the establishment, which is to be deprecated especially at this time. It will be remembered that the time fixed for the completion of the Rolls was the 1st of ultimo.

Leften the expression of dissent,
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of them. - refer to the opinion of the
Chief Coiner -

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Treasurer Office of
Seneca County Ohio
Tiffin Nov. 1853

Amos Pass Snowden Esq
Director of McMillins
Dear Sir:

I enclose check #1156
Arnold & Tomb on Silber Co and
Johnson - for \$1000 for which
you will oblige me by sending
to my address per Express - silver
change - say \$500 in 25 pieces \$500
in dollars & \$200 in 57 pieces

Yours Truly
Thos. Heming
Treasurer

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19 Nov 11

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Apr. 11. 1853.

Sir,

I have your letter of yesterday, offering
one of the obverse marked & reverse
marked B. for the 3 gold coin.

I have instructed the Engraver to have
this prepared for the new coin as soon as
practicable.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Yours faithfully,
James R. Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Adm't of the United States.
March 11, 1852.

2,

I have examined your letter of
the 5th with the enclosures attached. The
copies your signatures have been forwarded
for Department & Col. Express.

I am very Respectfully

Yours Atty. Inclosure
Sincerely,

Thomas H. King, Esq.
Attorney at
Law,
Buffalo,
Tenn. & Ohio.

Treasury Department

Nov 10 1873

Sir

Permit me to call your attention to my letter to you of the 20th ultimo & of the 30th ultimo referring to the former; to neither of which, have I had the pleasure to receive a reply.

In replying to these letters, will you please answer as fully and explicitly as convenient, the following question. If the Mint give 10,000¢ including insurance, for bringing ^{in Silage} \$1,000,000 to Philadelphia, besides the present premium, what would be the loss or gain upon its recoinage?

Sincerely Respy

James Guthrie
Sec Treasury

Charles Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Treasury Department
Nov 10-1893.

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 9th inst. Your former letter to which it refers would have been answered at the time, but for my supposing, without perhaps much reason, that other devices were to follow. Of those enclosed in your letter and which I now return I prefer for the 3¢ piece, those marked Obverse A. and Reverse B. with the inscriptions which you suggest. These devices therefore you will please consider as so approved.

Sincerely Respy

Jesse Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila.

James B. Wilson
Secy of the Treasury

New York Nov 10th 1853

No 8 Mint will please forward
by Adams 200 fifty Dollars in
half ($\frac{1}{2}$) Cents directed to J. P.
Muster No 14 Ann St New York
City and Oblige Yours^{ce} J. P. Muster

Branch State Bank. Ind

Terre Haute Nov 9. 1853

Messrs Adams & Co

Phil^a Gent

I Enclose you herin my check
on Winslow Loomis & Co N.Y. for \$100. for which please
send me cents

Very Respy Yours
W. R. M. Kimball

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Nov 10

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Nov 10 1853.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return
it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment
without delay.

Treasury Draft

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. P. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The holder of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should
write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to **AFFIX**
his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a **MARK**
should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, ex-
cept in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other institution.

Warrant for \$3450.

Recd Nov. 11. 1853

acknowled receipt same
day.

Treasury Department

Nov 10 1883

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 9th inst and have to say in reply although I think favorably of your proposition to adopt some measures for withdrawing the small Spanish Silver coins from circulation, that, in my opinion, it would not be judicious at this time, nor until we can to some extent supply its place with our own. The inconvenience to arise from the withdrawal for the present would as I believe far outweigh the advantage to accrue.

The Treasury has far less information of the progress of the coinage of steel pieces than it is desirable for it to possess. You have doubtless

taken the proper steps to obtain head-
local ^{reports} ~~photographs~~ and will thank you
to advise me of their import from
time to time as received.

Sanitary Dept

James H. Brown

Levy Reay

Idore Snowden Esq

Director Anti

Phil^a

Albion, the 1st of Dec.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 1862.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that your letter came to the 30th of Dec. I have during my long absence at Pittsburgh. I regret that my attention was not called to it until I received your last letter.

In my letter of the 25th of Dec. I presented my views in reference to the supply of silver - the price of it at the London Market (which in this market regulates the price every where) - and the profits on the Coinage at our price of gold coins (in ounces). It is not out of the way to mention the price of silver in the London Market has been upon a fluctuation of 37 1/2 pence for some time - dollar - silver, which is about the average rate upon an extended period. The last article from the market noted in today's papers seemed to be the price, but the fluctuation of a week or so with it hardly suitable to base a calculation upon. I had not time to show that the price was

in effect giving about the same price in gold,
that we are, namely 1.20 ^{cents} per ounce. The
quotations stated by Mr. Aspinwall, in the
contract presented me, of 60¢ per unit
extended to 1.22 cents. If "the clear
calculation of actual expenses" amounts
then to "1.24 ^{cents}" at the Mint in Philadelphia it
must be because his plan of operations is
to bring the silver from London, or else,
that it costs considerably more to carry
it from Mexico to the United States than
from Mexico to England, which I can hardly
think is so, although it may be true, since
it costs more to carry gold from San
Francisco to New York than from San
Francisco to London. It is my constant
belief that we cannot import silver at
the prices he states, unless we conclude to
give up nearly the entire supremacy. It
would seem to be the better policy to try
the effect of enlarging our price to 1.22
or possibly to 1.23 cents, which would ensure
a sufficient supply to the Mint without
any definite agency or contract.

Mint of the United States
Feb. 9. 1833

In my letter of the 4th of Sept. last I
mentioned the introduction of some designs proposed
by the Treasurer for the 2 dollar gold coin, authorized
by the Act of Feb. 1832. Sect. 7. Not having
heard from you on this subject and supposing that
it may have escaped your notice I beg leave
to recall it to your attention.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
and esteem
Your obedient servant
John C. Calhoun

John C. Calhoun
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, 9. 1853.

Sir,

My attention for some months past has been
called to the fact that one of the greatest hindrances
to our furnishing the country with a wholesome and
abundant silver currency, of our own stamp, is the
existence of a large quantity of worn-out Spanish
Coin which are worth much less than their current
value. During a recent visit to Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
I saw largely these worn-out coins in circulation.
From data obtained by a gentleman who
a few years ago I was rendered partly acquainted
with the amount of Spanish coins in circulation
in the United States was about 8 millions
in dollars. I should estimate the amount now in
circulation at about that sum. For the sake
of improving the metallic circulation to the
Poughkeepsie I recommend that a large price
be given for said coins than is paid for base metal
and other rubbish. In connection with an increase
of price it would be of great service if the
value of the Post Office stamps, when they are
in hand on the day of the first of Jan.

of the present coin. It is only a few years
since that our coin was taken at the City, Port
Office by false regulations, at 23, 11. and 8. c.
respectively, and it was only, the severity of our
charge, that restored them to their original
nominal valuation, & they were circulated at
the amounts above stated and are often made to
be 1.23 or 1.24 cents per ounce, we would save
a fair prospect of saving the Country, of the
circulation and troublesome currency, which
is the result of our own quarters,
and we hope that we will be able to
bring from the mint. If you sanction
the reduction under authority into a
price for the practical parts of a dollar
and make for the investigation and ascertain
whether we can go as high as 1.24 cents per
oz. which leaves only a margin of one cent
or so to cover the expense of Conducing. But
as the object in view is to accomplish a
great public benefit, it may well be considered
whether we may not possibly be very near to
the margin which the new silver coin
will be.

Treasury Department
November 9. 1853

Sir

I will thank you to forward at
the close of each quarter a statement of the
bullion account. No statement has been received
by the Treasury Dept. or at this office since
the 31st March last.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

Saml. Sturgens Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philade

412
58.100

113
62.100

311
12.100

2- 1619.13

8- 25.747.52

4- 8245.77

9- 14.273.67

2- 10.331.67

1- 1063.34

26- 56.251.00

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34

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160

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160

565
2100

565
2100

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551290

290.2165.73 ✓
56.211.00 ✓
234.184.73 ✓

201.100

~~1960~~

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✓ 8270

✓ 1585

✓ 2230

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✓ 242.50

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✓ 38.80

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1.080 000 00 2.2

315 000 00 1.1

245 000 00 2.2

265 000 00 2

260 000 00 1.4

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305 573 00 8

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50 70 1.00

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73,361 615 09

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3,361 616 09

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Jan 7

*Statement of Deposits - Coinage,
At the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia from Jan. 1st to Sept. 30th 1873.*

<i>Gold</i>	
<i>Coins of the United States 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1 Cts.</i>	<i>46,754,10</i>
<i>Foreign Coins</i>	<i>176,224,54</i>
<i>United States Bullion</i>	<i>24,184,232,50</i>
<i>Foreign Bullion</i>	<i>24,234,95</i>
<i>Total of Gold</i>	<i>\$ 41,018,224,99</i>

<i>Silver, Silver Deposits</i>	<i>9,917,201,50</i>
<i>" " and Silver</i>	<i>9,917,201,50</i>

<i>Denominations</i>	<i>Pieces</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Denominations</i>	<i>Pieces</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Gold-Silver Coins</i>	<i>16,752,140</i>	<i>46,754,101,50</i>
<i>Double Eagles</i>	<i>2,232,227</i>	<i>24,665,700</i>	<i>Silver</i>		
<i>Eagles</i>	<i>153,680</i>	<i>1,536,700</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>497,130</i>	<i>497,130</i>
<i>Half Eagles</i>	<i>314,932</i>	<i>1,574,660</i>	<i>Half Dollars</i>	<i>3,398,008</i>	<i>1,699,004</i>
<i>Quarter Eagles</i>	<i>1,116,100</i>	<i>2,790,250</i>	<i>Quarter Dollars</i>	<i>11,922,200</i>	<i>2,980,550</i>
<i>Dollars</i>	<i>3,207,876</i>	<i>3,207,876</i>	<i>Dimes</i>	<i>4,703,000</i>	<i>470,300</i>
<i>Five Cents</i>		<i>11,700,000,00</i>	<i>Half Dimes</i>	<i>4,000,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>
<i>Total Gold Coinage</i>	<i>2,109,009</i>	<i>46,754,101,50</i>	<i>Three Cents</i>	<i>11,400,000</i>	<i>342,000</i>
<i>Silver</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>35,414,338</i>	<i>8,616,444</i>
<i>Dollars</i>	<i>3,207,876</i>	<i>3,207,876</i>	<i>Total Coinage</i>	<i>41,522,009</i>	<i>55,370,545,50</i>
<i>Half Dollars</i>	<i>32,500</i>	<i>16,250</i>			
<i>Total Silver</i>	<i>3,240,376</i>	<i>3,224,126</i>			

Trust of the United States

Phil. Smith

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 10th ult. to Robert T. Smith Esq. late
Secretary of the Trust, was handed to me by him with a request
that I would furnish the information you desired.

I have the pleasure of inclosing
to you a statement of deposits and coinage at the
Trust of the United States and its branches in the year
1882 and also one for some months of the present year.

I also enclose a list of the officers
of the Trust, and their salaries.

Mr L. H. Burdell, Superintendent
and John Newton Jun Esq., Collector & Receiver are the only appoint-
ments that have been made for the Branch Trust at San Francisco.
The salary of the Superintendent is \$14,000, and that of the
Collector & Receiver, per year.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully Yours

H. C. Lindemann

Director Trust

Geo. P. Sawyer Esq.
Ed. W. Almon.
Boston.

Nov 31



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ADAMS, W. R. BISHOP, E. S. SANFORD, AND S. M. SHUMAKER.

Philadelphia, *Nov 3* 185*3*

RECEIVED from *Wm. S. Smith*

Smiles contg said to contain

fifty Howard sold in gold &

fifty Howard sold in silver

Marked *easy bag*

Ind United States

Washington

which we agree to forward to *Washington* only,

and deliver to *Washington* Agent,

We not holding ourselves responsible for loss or damage of any package beyond the value of Fifty Dollars, unless otherwise herein stated, and insured by mutual agreement.

For the Proprietors, *J. W. Smith*

Crisp & Markley, Printers, Goldsmiths Hall, Library Street.

Head of the United States,
Philadelphia March 24/33

Sir,

In conformity with the instructions received
in your letter of the 24th inst. I have delivered to the Treasurer
as per the enclosed receipt, One hundred thousand dollars for the
Treasurer of the United States at Washington, in payment of
Treasury transfer draft No 481, in full for, drawn upon the
U.S. Treasurer at New York State at Philadelphia.

The supply of 10 dimes having been exhausted for the present,
I send dimes in their place.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
James Ross Snowden,
Clerk of the United States
for the District of Columbia.

Wm. Ross Snowden
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington

Treasury Department
Nov^r. 2. 1853.

Sir

I enclose herewith a
draft in favor of the Treasurer of the United States
on the asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia
for \$100.00 and made payable to the order
of Messrs Adams & Co. of Philadelphia.

Be pleased to arrange with that firm for
the transportation of the amount to Washington
in the following denomination of Coins - viz^t
25.00 in $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagles \$25.00 in $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagles
25.00 " $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars \$10.00 " $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars
3.00 " Dimes & \$8.00 " $\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes.
as nearly as you may be enabled to do so.

I am very Resp^{tly},

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, November 2d, 1853.

Sir,

In the absence of the Director for a few days, I have the honor in reply to your letter to him of the 30th ult. to send you the enclosed communication from Professor Booth on the subject of a new alloy for the cent coinage and the profit or disbursement on the present and the proposed cent coins respectively.

It may be proper to add, that since the close of last winter, the price of copper plate has risen so high for some time, that scarcely any profit could be made from their coinage. Within a few months, however, the price has fallen considerably, but it is still at a point beyond that reached during a period of at least 20 years previous.

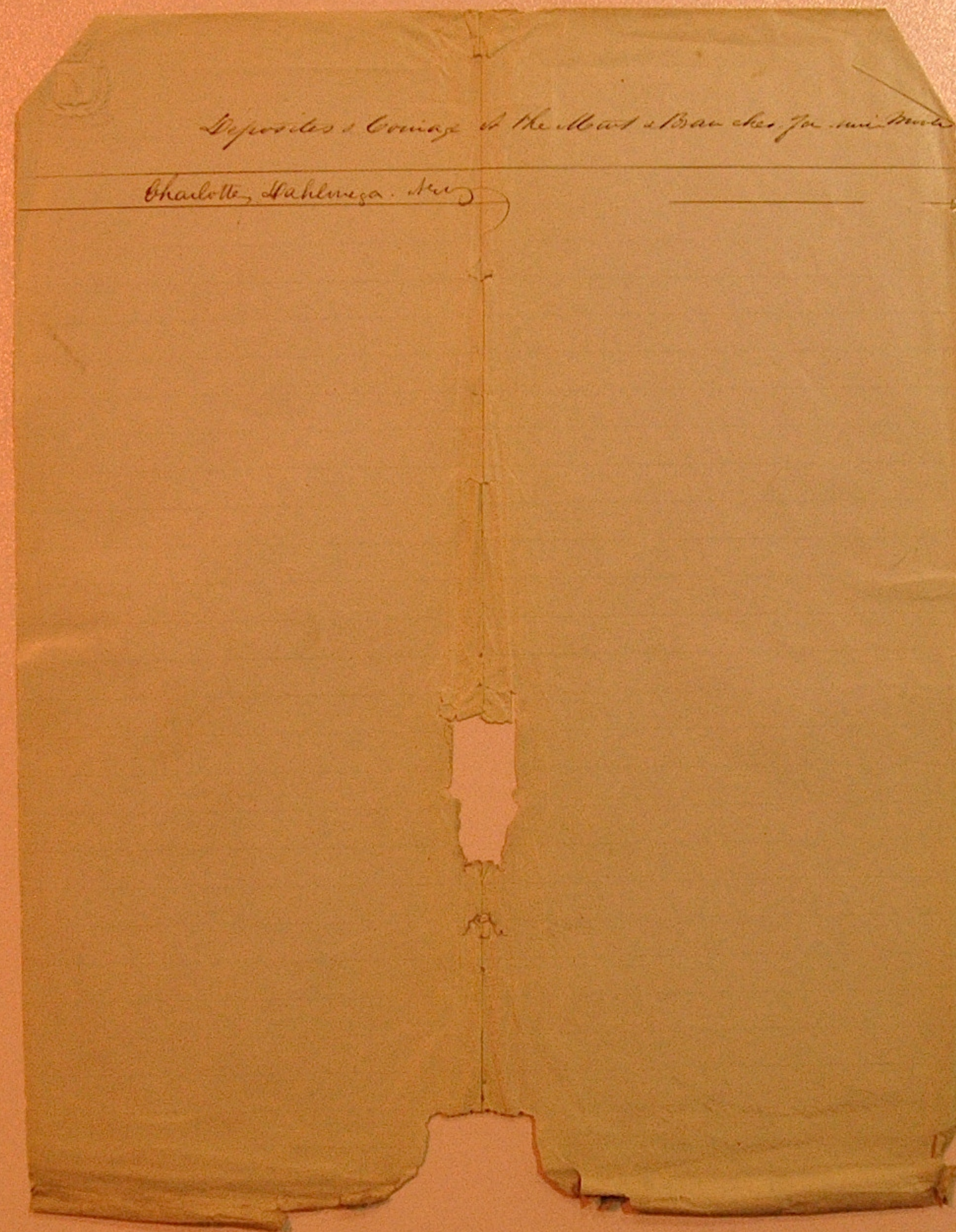
I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant,

Chas. A. Culver, Jr.
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.



Deposits & Comings of the West & Branches for 1860

Charlotte, N. Carolina. Aug

Board of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 18. 3.

Sir
Messrs. Mahan & Landis have placed in
my hands in the absence of the Directors the enclosed
communication and respectfully solicit your decision
upon the subject therein referred to in time for the Penna.
mail leaving New York on the 30th inst.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
W. H. Edwards
(Director of the Bank)

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.



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OFFICE
6 BANK STREET.

Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1853

J. H. Snowden (Director)
Dear Sir
On enclosure herewith (in two
bags) Old Silver Coin \$600⁰⁰
(by count)
Please return us
\$200⁰⁰ in Dimes
100 " " Half "
100 " " Dollars
Balance in Quarters

Yours truly
Peirce & Nelson

Raleigh N.C. Nov 27/55

Soph. Mink of Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

I deposited
about the 20 or 27th of June last, One
Hundred & ninety six Dollars in old coin,
to be re-coined into smaller change,
please inform me if I can get the
same coin deposited, or its amount in
50- pieces, (old coin) by returning the
gold,

Respectfully &c

W. H. H. Tucker



Dec 10 1853 - 99.25 - \$1745.80 - for him

Resd San Fran

Am in Garrettsville Postage Co Ohio

Dec 29th 1853

Dr Sir

Mr John Taber of this place returned home from California in the early part of this month. And we learn that he came via Phila to transact some business at the U. S. Mint.

Will you be good enough to inform me the receipt of this, whether he drew coin from the Mint either for certificate of deposit at San Francisco or for ~~uncoined~~ gold? and to what amount?

Or whether he deposited Gold for coinage, or other purpose? and to what amount?

Mr Taber obtained money to carry him to California for himself and two or three others nearly four years ago, agreeing to pay us back during the first year after he reached the mines. He has not yet returned the first dollar to one of us. And since his return, has shown pretty strong indications of a disposition to defraud those who assisted him, in compliance with his strong solicitations at the time he wanted to go to California.

Hence I want to know if possible, how much money he brought home with him. By writing me whether he done any business at the Mint - say from the first to the 10th inst and to what amount, you will much oblige

To the Treasurer
U. S. Mint
Phila

Yours &c Respectfully

William Briggs

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(90) 318 092 35 Bar

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✓ J. 35 000 00 1/4

✓ (Am. In) 164 000 00 1/4

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0 203 000 00 1/4

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Treasury Department
Dec 30. 1853.

Sir

Some time since you addressed a letter to the Department containing a calculation of the expenses of Coinage at the Mint. And the charges in it believed, were fixed in compliance with the suggestion contained in that letter which has been mislaid. I will thank you to cause a copy of it to be furnished to the Department.

The Committee of Ways & Means are under the impression that the amount received for expenses of coinage, ~~are~~ ^{is} should be sufficient to meet the entire contingent expenses of the establishment. Be pleased to state how that is, and to furnish such explanation as you may deem necessary, that they may be communicated to the Committee.

I am very Resp^t

John C. Smith

Sec Treasury

J. Peop Snowden
Director of the Mint

Treasury Department
Decr. 31. 1853.

Sir

I have received your letter
of the 28th enclosing one from Professor Booth
urging the appointment of his Assistant to the
Medical Register at the Meeting in Philadelphia
and the appointment is accordingly authorized.

I am very Resp^t.

James Buchanan
Sec Treasury.

J. Prof. Snowden Esq
Director M^d
Phila^a.

Wm H Taylor Esq.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec. 29. 1853

Sir,

The overture which I made, with your
Concurrence to artists and other persons of Taste
to present designs for the Milan Congress has
lasted in the presentation of many drawings,
and several Medallions. The result however is
not as satisfactory as we had reason to expect.
~~Although some of them~~ Most yet I am not
prepared to recommend any of them as suitable
for Congress.

(The three that have the most merit)

for Cowago. The three that have the most merit in my opinion, in which the other officers of the Mint Concur, are as follows

Drawings by Mr. Noble of San Francisco, Cal.
Newark, New Jersey

Drawings by Mr. Chapin of Newark New Jersey

Drawings by Mr. Chapin of Philadelphia?
Medallions by Mr. Barber of Philad. & Penn?

In Compliance with the last paragraph of the Circular issued - a copy of which is enclosed - I propose with your sanction to allow each of these gentlemen thirty dollars. I send them \$200 to pay for Messrs Adams & Co's express, for your examinations. If you desire to see the others that were presented I will send them to you.

Although the designs presented are not late,
pastors go on with inquiry, and I
should hope, advantage makes the offer
contemplated in my letter of the 19th of June
last, and gives such artists as see proper, an
opportunity to execute a pair of half dollar
dies with such designs as they may deem
appropriate, with the promise to give such
compensation as we may think proper
to the maker of one or more of such
dies.

Some of our best artists are not
complete for the designs, but I have reason
to believe that such of them as are com-
petent will be willing and compete for the
making of the best dies. At all events
I should like to make this further offer
to improve our Coinage, if it meets
with your approbation.

I may add that I postponed an
action upon the designs offered, in order
to give our artists in the most distant
part of our Country, or such as were resid-
ing abroad, an opportunity to compete.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Wm. A. R. Wallace
Secy. of the Treasury,
Washington City

James B. Bowdler
Director.

Statement of Damage for 1888 continued

Copper Damage

Date	Cents Paces	100 Cents Paces	Value
January	386,079		\$3,860,79
February	211,681		2,116,81
March	402,376	19,500	4,131,26
April	314,614	73,080	2,811,54
May	912,019		9,120,19
June	366,732		3,667,32
July	183,228		1,832,28
August	554,460		5,544,60
September	765,760		7,657,60
October	427,955		4,279,55
November	674,388		6,743,88
December	1,551,289	87,114	15,512,89
Totals	6,641,131	129,694	\$67,059,78

Recapitulation

	Paces	Value
Gold	7,552,844	\$75,528,44
Silver	58,751,068	5,875,106
Copper	6,770,825	67,059,78
Total of Paces	69,775,507	\$69,111,239.72 total value

Gold

Summary Statement of Coinage.
At the Mint of the United States during the year 1858.

Date	U. Eagles Pieces	Eagles Pieces	H. Eagles Pieces	Less Eagles Pieces	Dollars Pieces	Penn Cents	Total Value
January	201,238	11,460	37,576	95,910	292,673		\$4,809,388 00
February	118,040	20,233		81,886	298,438		2,921,280 00
March	248,233			108,406	489,133		6,693,808 00
April	212,590	23,706	42,416	57,498	460,065		5,865,080 00
May	65,170	18,535	36,348	203,548	644,161	2,296,710 11	5,120,222 11
June	26,474	21,777	81,757	320,602	172,498	2,769,211 81	4,774,245 81
July	88,228	20,860	48,000	83,200	602,76	2,762,993 28	4,459,409 28
August	82,730	25,005	26,860	108,265	218,121	608,998 86	3,120,229 83
September	166,097	27,614	38,365	60,738	294,848	126,064 11	4,357,662 11
October	40,470		23,728	95,869	882,988	8,618,226 77	3,263,876 97
November	26,912			63,612	388,238	827,979 17	1,760,487 17
December	81,109	38,003	18,686	145,124	241,672	2,922,297 96	4,593,869 96
Totals	1,361,326	201,233	308,770	1,404,668	4,076,057	15,838,997 94	\$53,191,618 94

Silver

Date	Dollars Pieces	Half Dollars Pieces	Quarter Dollars Pieces	Dimes Pieces	H. Dimes Pieces	Times Pieces	Total Value
Jan.						3,125,000	93,750 00
Feb.			44,200	95,000	135,000	2,700,000	108,300 00
March						8,575,000	167,250 00
April	39,000		1,210,020	860,010	430,020		419,007 00
May		424,008	1,196,000	610,000	760,000		610,004 00
June		646,000	982,000	740,000	880,000		650,000 00
July		882,000	1,464,000	840,000	880,000		710,000 00
Aug.		368,000	2,324,000	890,000	820,000		880,000 00
Sept.		498,000	3,804,000	900,000	700,000		1,250,000 00
Oct.		436,000	3,100,000	1,540,000	1,260,000		1,210,000 00
Nov.		160,000	1,352,000	2,960,000	8,120,000		870,000 00
Dec.	7,110	448,700	2,688,000	3,638,000	5,040,000		914,260 00
Totals	96,110	3,832,708	15,254,220	12,172,010	13,345,020	11,400,000	\$7,502,571 00

Statement of Gold, Silver and Copper Coins in the Hands
of the Treasurer of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, as examined
by James H. Snowden, Director.

In Mr. Nequa's Vault, Silver, \$134,000 1000000
 " N^o 10 " " 725,000 " "
 " Mr. Delleker's " N^o 1 " 191,000 " "
 " " " " 14,900 1000 " "
 " " " " 6200 1000 " "
 " " " " N^o 2 " 119,000 1000000
 " " " " 2000 1000 " "
 " " " " Coy. & Copper 535.21 Coy. \$1,195,635.21

In Mr. Delleker's Vault N^o 2 Gold
 " 9000 318,092.55 Pans
 " N^o 3, Coins 470,000.00 15000000
 " " " 285000.00 " "
 " " " 5944.00 Dollars
 " Coy. " 11,781.00 Coy. \$1,093,017.35

Total amount in hands of Mr. Delleker \$2,289,452.56.

Sub Treasury.

In Dr. Sturgeon's Vault, \$655,000. 15000000
 65000 Dollars
 9000 Remount
 8300.97 Coy.
 67770 Pans
 Total Amount in Sub Treasury 735,978.67
 being 51 sh more than required by
 his Balance Sheet

Statement of Gold, Silver and Copper Coins &c continued

Ordinary Funds

In Mr. Dillkuss' Vault \$ 20,000.00 10000000

960.55 Do

Mr. Eckman's vault 200.00

\$ 21,245.55

Copper Funds

In Mr. Drumming's Vault \$ 2400.00 10000000

600.00 cash

307.61 Do

\$ 3,307.61

Recapitulation

In Mr. Dillkuss' hands Bullion Funds \$ 2,289,452.56

Ordinary .

21,245.55

Sub Treasurers

735,972.67

Mr. Drumming

Copper Funds

3,307.61

Total

\$ 3,049,984.39

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a Dec. 28th 1888.

Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday, enclosing
a copy of the deputation for the Newark Mint
at New York. I have communicated to Dr.
Cott and Dr. Dwyer your instructions. The former I
accepted at New York. The latter, at Boston.

By some inadvertence you did not
enclose the Circular supporting same; but it is
perhaps unnecessary as you state that you approved
it in the the exception of the last paragraph.
I believe that paragraph is relative to the payment
of interest at San Francisco by draft on
New York.

Mr. Geo. W. Edelman, Clerk, has called
my attention to the payment of his salary. He
enclosed upon this matter on the 3rd day of
October last, at 2 P.M. He has the salary you
proposed and he has done him on the 31st of
Dec. 1888. I have also to call your
attention to the request of Dr. Cott and Dr. Dwyer in
regard to the payment of their salaries by
draft on New York.

Very respectfully,
Wm. L. Garrison

Mint of the United States
Phil, Dec, 21st 1839

Messrs Geo. S. Merriam & Co.

Chief of the United States
Military Academy, West Point

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and to thank you for the interest you have taken in the subject.

I have examined the proposed plan and find it to be a very good one. The object of the plan is to provide for the education of the children of the officers of the Army and Navy, and I think it is a very desirable one.

I have also examined the plan for the establishment of a school for the children of the officers of the Army and Navy, and I think it is a very desirable one.

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Respectfully,
John A. B. Smith
Secretary

Very truly,
Samuel R. Johnson
Director



Minist of the United States
Phil, Dec 28th 1833

Sir,

Prof. Booth has handed me the enclosed letter with a request that I should transmit it to you.

Some samples of a proposed new coin were struck to ~~show~~ the obverse of the coin was is the same as ~~the~~ Eagle, the reverse of is an extempore die got up by the coiner. I enclose a few pieces for your inspection.

If such a coin should be adopted it will be necessary to have the devices upon it very dissimilar to those specimens in order that it may not be mistaken for other coin.

My present impressions are adverse to this German Silver coin but I will examine the subject ^{further} before giving any definite opinion of ~~regarding~~.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant

Am James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington

James M. Chubb
Director

Phil, 28th Dec, 1839

Dear Sir,

Interest for another and not personal consideration induces me to address you in relation to the appointment of an assistant in my department which I learn from the Director you have for the present postponed. When I first was appointed to the office of Charles Rogers in the Mint, I was solicited to ask for an assistant but upon the Representations of the officers that the duties did not require it, I refused to ask for one. The increasing influx of California gold however rendered it imperative that assistance should be afforded me & accordingly Mr J. H. Taylor was employed with the pay of a workman. The manifest disparity between his actual position & his wages induced the Directors, Dr Eckert & Col Spooner to advance his pay to that of a freeman. I pressed upon the late Director Dr Eckert the propriety of soliciting the appointment of Mr Taylor as a regular assistant which he acknowledged and urged it upon the late government about a year since, but altho it was proposed the appointment was not made. The reasons for his appointment were that the aid of an assistant was absolutely called for; that he should be a responsible officer, since all the Bullion passed through his hands, that the nature of his duties called for a person of liberal Education and yet he receive the same and pay of a workman that Mr Taylor had actually been performing all

the duties of a Responsible officer during
several years, yet had only advanced so far
as to be regarded as ~~an officer~~ a Freeman,
not being an officer Mr Taylor never
took an official oath, nor gave security, and
yet in 1832 about 90 millions had passed through
his hands, By having so efficient an aid as
he has been I have been enabled to carry out
measures, by which the wastage account & general
expenses of my department, have been diminished
by a sum not less than fifty thousand dollars. & in,
at the present rate of working, compared with former
operations, at this moment I am making alterations
in the furnace by which $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fuel or more than
\$5,000 per ton - will be saved & I am out of indebtedness
these operations unless I had had an assistant in whom
I could place the utmost confidence.

There is one reason for the appointment
of an assistant, which I acknowledge to be self-protection
on my part, altho perfectly legitimate, I feel a hesitation
in leaving the Mint for a single day, because I cannot leave
in my place an authorized representative. In consequence
of this I have been absent from the City of Philadelphia but
a few weeks altogether in four years.

In relation to Mr Taylor, the appointment
was promised him by Mr Patterson several years since
as soon as the business should warrant it, and
this has been the case during those years
past, I can assure you that his appointment

would gratify a large body of the most
influential Democrats of our City. For he
has always been a very active member of the
party & his Father Robert Taylor Esq. has long
been an influential Democrat. Mr Taylor is
a nephew of Judge Kane. It is however on
account of his real worth & the importance of
my having an assistant that I urge the
subject upon your further consideration. Since
deposits have then option where to refine them
well it is yet uncertain whether all the
gold will be refined in it & certainly the
coinage will be executed in Philadelphia.
This involves the delicate operation of melting.
Besides the issue of Silver coin will probably contain
many years from our Mint, there is therefore
every reason to expect a heavy business at our Mint
for a long period to come.

Dr Cobb desires to have Mr T. as
his assistant and if the latter is willing to
go I shall be glad to give him his appointment,
however I may regret to lose him from one
who has been so faithful & is in every respect
suited to me as an assistant. But I would
greatly prefer it and so would Mr Taylor that
he should receive an appointment among his
friends, if you can do so consistently with
your views of propriety. I know that the news
of our Director coincide with mine.

I trust dear Sir that you will excuse
my having so long trespass upon your time
and hope that the view I have presented
may meet your approbation. It was
only to do justice to Mr. T. that I have
presented many of the above facts & solicit
your sincere attention to them.

The orders for apparatus for the
of York Assay Office are being executed
& will be ready in due time.

Our friend the Chief Coiner
has prepared a die merely to test the
~~metal~~ metal which I propose for the last
piece. I wish the pieces to be made thicker
& have a different device so that even in the
dark they could not be mistaken for a dime.
They will wear well better than the three
cent piece, We shall send our pieces as
soon as they present any point of interest
in relation to the new coinage.

I have the honor to be dear Sir
Yours with great Respect

Geo. L. North

Melrose Repaire

W. S. Mill

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States.
Philad. Nov. 28. 1843

Dear Sir,

Immediately on the receipt of the joint letter of Dr. Cobb and yourself I addressed the Sec. of the Treasury. I have this morning received his answer. He proposes to give you and Assistant a salary of \$1500. per annum and to Dr. Cobb, one clerk and Assistant with the same salary, and says "I will thank you, in conjunction with Dr. Cobb and Torrey, respectively to nominate suitable persons as assistants to these officers at the Mint" as above.

I have had a conference with the Acting Officer of the Mint, and the result is that it is deemed desirable by us to have a personal conference with you in regard to the selection of an Assistant.

I address the Sec. of the Treasury your subjects of your salary, but as yet have heard no reply.

Yours truly and respectfully,
John Torrey,
New York.

James R. Snowden
Director.

Little Patience Letter

1 Price paid at this Brick for Wood
2 From for next Quarter Report
3 News Lumber etc. to send with the fine clay Brick
one copper muffle for the assayer's furnace

Meeting in relation to the
Chicago, Dec. 28, 1852.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of the joint letter from
you and Dr. Jorsey, I adopted the Secretary of the
Treasury as requested. This morning I have received
his answer. He proposes to place you "one clerk as
Assistant" with the salary of \$1500 per annum, and
says "I will thank you in conjunction with Dr.
Cobb and Jorsey, respectively, to nominate suitable
persons as assistants to the officers."

Before nominating an assistant
I deem it necessary to have a personal
interview with you.

I adopted the Secretary of the Treasury
on the subject of penitentiaries, but as yet have
had no reply.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst
I enclose a blank bond, one security is
sufficient, and the gentleman you name will be
satisfactory.

I am, Sir, very truly and
Respectfully
Yours, Wm. Woodson
Director.

D. S. Cobb
No. 2. Kingston St
Boston.

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Minist. of the United States
Phil. Dec 27th 1853

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 24th inst.
The silver coin issued under the act of Congress
of the last session is the same in fineness
as heretofore issued, it contains $\frac{900}{1000}$ pure
silver as heretofore, the only alteration is in the
standard weight of the coins.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

To, D. Behan
Alleghany
Allegheny Co
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Dated Washington Dec 29, 1853

Rec'd, Philadelphia, *22* 1853 *11* o'clock *36* min. *A* M.

E. O. R. Snowden Esq
Director Mint.

Can the bullion fund
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Jas Guthrie

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Green County Bank
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E C Dub Eay Lease

Dear Sir

Have you received
my letter of the 14th instant

Respect Yours

J. J. Moore

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Dec. 22, 1873

Dear Sir,

In the report on the operations of
the Mint, which I shall make to the
President next month, I have thought
it need and appropriate and usefully to
recommend the establishment by law of
a decimal system of weights and measures.

Since the act of 2. April 1792 we have
had that system in use as to money, of
account and generally, means of circulation.

You are also aware that in the Mints
of the U. States we have for many years used
the same (very) weight in circulation,
proportion for greater and less weights, and
find that it works admirably. Some other
system ought to be in general use.

Trusting I have made you understand
the subject, I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
and ask you to concur upon it.

Your compliance will greatly
oblige me, and I have no doubt will
be of service to the public.

A. S. Parker, Esq. Sir, with great respect,
Supt. Coast Survey, your obedient servant,
Washington City. Same

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec 28th 1833

My Dear Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter, of the 20th, but in reply to the same, I would
say that, I am not aware.

Mint of the United States
Phil, Dec 28th 1833

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Boston Dec. 28, 1852.

J. R. Browden Esq.,

Dear Sir,

On my return from Philadelphia, I did not receive my bond, as I expected. - you will, therefore, do me the favor, at your earliest convenience, to send me a form of bond that is required, that I may transmit the same, to the West immediately for the proper parties, do you require more than one name? If not I shall procure the signature of Capt. Jacob Stader of Cincinnati O. President of the L. Miami R. R. & one of the richest, & certainly one of the best men in Ohio, with whom the Secretary of the Treasury is well acquainted. If you require more than one person, I will send the bond to Louisville also, for another signature, - taking additional time. I am very desirous that this interim stop, in my connection with the Government, may be taken promptly, & I cannot account for the delay of my friends in Louisville, Ky.

It is possible my bond may have been sent
to Washington from the Post.

Present me kindly to Prof. Booth, & believe me

Truly Yours &c

J. Cobb

No. 3. King Stone Street.

Boston

Maß.

Attesting City Dec 24th 1835
to Mr James K. S. Secretary
of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I wish to ask you one question
if you will condescend to answer
you will be good a favor as
is there any more alloy in the new
Silver coin than there was in the old

Respectfully yours
J. C. Hansen

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Main page

Mint of the United States.
Phila. & Nev. 27. 1853.

Sir,

The large amount of silver purchased
at New Orleans, has diminished the Bullion fund
of that Branch. in 1850, before what is required
to enable it to make prompt payments of
gold deposits. To accomplish this object I have
sent \$250,000 in gold to that Branch
from New York as you may deem most approp-
riate.

I enclose a copy of the Superintendent's
letter to me on this subject.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours faithfully,
James A. B. Davidson

Director.

James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Decr. 20. 1858.

I have to request that you will cause a
transmit to the office in pursuance of the decision of
the Mint for the sum of thirty three thousand
nine hundred and twenty five dollars, payable
out of the appropriation for the fiscal year com-
mencing on the 1st of July last, it being for
the quarter ending on the 30th inst.

Due:

Salaries of Officers and Clerks	\$5,500.00
Wages of Workmen	15,000.00
Incidental and Contingent expenses	10,375.00
Amount	\$30,875.00

I have the honor to be
in the most respectful
service,
James A. Hamilton
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Minist of the United States.
Chicago: Nov. 21. 1893.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 16th inst.
has purchased Spanish and Mexican dollars at
the rate of 1.21 cents per oz. Troy. This is equal
to a premium of about 4% out.

We will pay for any amount
of silver you may wish, in any denomination
of coin producing silver, except 3 cent pieces, the
coinage of which was suspended some months ago.
but will be resumed next year.

I have no funds about one
million of dollars in silver coin ready to be
paid out on demand at the Mint, and am
anxious to supply the public with silver coin.

Very respectfully,
Samuel R. Snowden
Director

J. Fisher Esq^d
Cash^r

Branch Bank of the United States
Columbus,
N. Y.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec, 21st 1853

Sir,

By this days mail are forwarded the
following dies for your Branch for 1854 viz:

3 Half Eagle Head dies

3 Quarter " " "

3 Gold Dollar Reverse dies

They are carefully put up
in tin boxes and numbered from 1 to 5 inclusive;

Very Respectfully

G. M. Caldwell Esq
Supt, Branch Mint
Charlotte
S.C.

Director,

The 1st Sect. of said Law, that the Secretary of the
Mint and his assistants, Clerks, and other persons
employed by the Mint, shall be appointed by the
President.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. Dec. 22, 1853.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter I
received to day from J^{rs} Cobb and
Torrey, of the New York Agency office.
(The 10th Sect. of the act of March
4, 1853, ^(Mint pamphlet p. 67) establishing an Agency office in
New York provides "that the Secretary of the
Treasury, with the approbation of the President,
shall appoint such officers and clerks, and
authorize the employment of such assistants,
workmen and servants, as shall be necessary"
"Provided that compensation shall not
exceed that allowed for corresponding duties
under existing laws relating to the Mint of
the U.S. and its branches. The 7th
Sec. of the Mint Law. (Mint pamphlet p. 12-13)
inter alia provides that the salaries of the
Assistants and clerks shall be determined
by the Secretary with the approbation of
the President. Provided that an assistant
shall not receive more than \$1500, and that a
clerk shall not receive more than \$1200."

the 3^d Sect. of said Law, ^{enacts} that the Apistants to
the Meltin and Refiner, Appayer, Chief Corner
and Express shall be appointed by the
Directors with the approbation of the
President.

Under this Law no apistants have
been appointed except an Apistant
Appayer. The Meltin and Refiner,
Chief Corner and Express have
persons who are nominally called
their Apistants at a per diem Com-
pensation of \$3.50 per day.

The gentlemen appointed in the
New York office might have apistants
of the same character, as if you
see proper they can have regularly
appointed apistants.

Profr Brother the Meltin
and Refiner of this Mint, some
time ago applied to me to have
a regular apistant appointed.
But I declined asking for it.

I have however in consideration
with the enclosed letter present his
applications to your Convention
and will cheerfully acquiesce in
whatever determination you

May make of the subject.
Mr. Booth nominates to me, Mr.
John H. Taylor his present assistant
a gentleman of the highest qualifica-
tions for the station and for whose ability
entire confidence.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfull servant

Samuel Phelps Remond
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Recd 21 Dec
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New York Dec 19
1873

Dear Sir,

Be pleased to inform me
whether you allow a premium on
Spanish half & quarter dollars, & what it is
also as to the old U. S. quarter -

How soon after the delivery
to the Mint can the amt. be realized
in new coin?

Respy &c. vob. serv

J. T. Shepard

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Boston Dec 19. 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor with fifteen 1st class
paper tickets in the Regular Mail Steam Packet
from New York to Apia, and from Apia
to San Francisco. These tickets are for the use of
the Mint, who will leave New York on the
20th inst. and are to be employed in the Branch
Mint at San Francisco. It is requested that
the men proceed to the place of destination
without delay, and when they arrive at
San Francisco they will report them selves
to D. L. Birdsell the Superintendent of
the Branch Mint.

I also place in your hands a letter
containing my instructions to D. Birdsell, and
a copy of the Order which I have taken from
the Treasury.

I have to request that the tickets
shall be forwarded to the men by lot.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Samuel R. B. Birdsell
Director

M. C. Bowen
Agent

Crouse Bank

Syracuse Dec 14 1853

Exp. Cashier

Trueman M. S. Milt.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 11th with

enclosures is received and shall have attention

I enclosed for collection from Kings Court, sent by blue draft

Myself a B. H. of May. To o. Respectfully

A. S. Pratt

Please send 2 Kings to this Bank &

1 King to D. Loomis H^o

Canastota
N.Y.

Chief of the United States
Chicago? Dec 17, 1883.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 16th inst.
It is now understood that your letter will
be given day 1/2 of the winter season on my way out
after the 1st January next. I am not prepared
to say what suggestion of value I can
take from you, but we will endeavor to give
you a part-day of our services.

I am, very truly and

Respectfully yours

James W. Chapman
Director.

Wm. M. Maher & Landis
Arranging Clerical books

Windsor, P.O.
N.Y.C.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec. 17, 1853.

Sir,
I enclose the official bond of Dr.
John Torrey as a payor of the New York
Appay office to which I have to ask your
approbation. I also send you a copy of Dr.
Torrey's letter to me. I will thank you for
the information he desires. Dr. S. C. C. the
Nether and Refiner has been with me some
days, preparing himself for the discharge of
his official duties. I must be glad to be able
to inform him as to the time his salary Com^d
moner and in what manner it will be
paid.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant

Samuel R. B. Mendenhall
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
December 17, 1892.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst.
was duly received and the Treasurer will
transmit a draft in your favor for \$1695,
probably by this day's mail.

I am very Resp.

James McKim
Sec. Treasury.

J. Ruf. Snowden Jr.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

P.S. The Report with the documents has not yet been
received from the Printer.

Treasury Department

Dec 17 1853

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing the instructions proposed to be issued by you, with my concurrence, and in pursuance of the provisions of the act of 3 July 1852, "in relation to the course of accounting for gold and silver at the Branch Mint of the United States, at San Francisco, California: and I have approved the same by affixing my signature thereto; presuming that the said instructions correspond with those which have heretofore been issued for the government of other branch mints, and are now in operation ^{in said branches}. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
I Ross Snowden Esq. Mint Phila. Yours for the
Director See Treas &

Minist. of the United States.
Philad. Dec. 17/1863

Dear Sir,

I have your favour of the
12th inst. enclosing your card. which I
have approved and forwarded to the
Secretary of the Treasury.

I am of opinion that you
ought to receive your salary from
the date of your appointment, especially
as you have been at the post in
the actual discharge of your official
duties, yet inasmuch as various objections
to these dates will have the
opinion of Mr. Guthrie on this
question.

S. C. Cobb has been with us for
some days and is preparing himself
for his official duties.

We will be happy to see you when

you can come over very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. T. Tracy
Secy. of the Treasury

6. to 5. thousand pounds on hand.
Cost of Bonds & transportation to Charleston \$1000

Changes on Silver granted
Premium on the same to depositors

Scale for that March.
Proposed to be changed to enlarge & render open, to 100,000
for the same
The idea then to be made on money market

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Dec. 17 1853.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return
it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment
without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

G. Pop. Snowden Esq.

Comptroller
1853

N. B.—The holder of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should
write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to **AFFIX**
his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a **MARK**
should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, ex-
cept in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

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BRANCH OF THE
BANK STATE SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA 16th Dec^r 1853

James R. Snowden Esq.
Director

Dear Sir

The extreme deficiency of small silver change amongst us induces me to ask on what terms I can procure them, five, ten & twenty five cent pieces in exchange for Spanish & Mexican Dollars. If I deliver the specie to you at the Mint, will you allow any premium on it & what? say to the amount of two or three thousand Dollars.

Very respectfully

J. Diskin

Cash

Mint of the United States.
Pa^d. Dec. 16. 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday enclosing
fifteen tickets to Class Cabin Atlantic and Pacific
lines to your draft for \$2400.00 which presented with
no delay. I have to ask you to send me duplicate
receipts for the amount stating the numbers of tickets.
I sent you yesterday a list of the names of
the passengers. I suppose that will be sufficient
as I wish to leave to the Messrs. the selection
of their rooms. The names can be filled in at
New York. If that is satisfactory, please
write to me.

I am very Respectfully

Yours &c
James R. Menden
Director.

Charles A. Whitney, Esq.

Agent for

N^o. 177, West Street Corning & Co.
New York.

\$2400. New York Dec 15th 1855
One day after date payable
the order of Messrs. Peck, Volcan & Co
Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars
Value received which please to account of
To the Treasurer of the
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
J. C. Whitney

Chief of the United States
Philad^a Decr 15, 1863.

Sir,

Several circumstances have combined
to present an earlier reply to your letter of
the 8th inst, which was duly received together
with the enclosed Counterfeit Coins.

The subject of these Counterfeits of
our Coinage has received a great deal of
attention at the Mint, and within the last
eleven years, the present efforts have
twice published the results of their investigation.
The coins had under examination larger numbers
than of pieces but they are inclined to be
fewer Claps. It was thought that the preservation
of many duplicates would result in a valuable
and an interesting collection. There are
now in the Cabinet of the Mint more than fifty
varieties of Counterfeit Coins, and any new
specimens turning up are set upon the subject
or offering new considerations are considered as
a valuable addition. Therefore no Registry
of the abundant circumstances of their issue has
been kept. I shall now take measures to prepare
a Registry as required by law as far as it is

particular to do so.

The specimens are forwarded and
simply in case of need and are the least
likely to be used in any counterfeit and
have been for a long time. I enclose for
your inspection the copy of a counterfeit bank
note, the representation of a class who
always and always the most skillful
recipients of money. It is contained upon
the in the last publication made by the
and upon the subject of counterfeit.
I have been very much to the origin
of the counterfeit.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful servant,
James B. Henderson
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

P.S. I will thank you for a
copy of your Report to Congress
with the accompanying documents

London Dec 15 1853

Dear Mr. Sturgeon

Dear Sir

All among with
57 keys planches, to be shipped via
Holland.

Very nice found 13/4 loading, when
recd.

Yours Very Respectfully

Charles M. Sturgeon

Warrington Chemical Works, Philad^a Co.,
December 15th 1853.

Col. J. B. Sturges, U. S. Mint, Philad^a Co.

Dear Sir

Upon your verbal assurance this morning of the
proposal suggested in our last of 3rd inst., we will be ready, on the first of
January next, to effect the first of the deliveries of lead specified in that
proposal, taking it for granted as you so graciously that the exception made by
Messrs. Leary and Power & Neightman can apply only to Mr. Leary who does
not manufacture sulphuric lead.

Very truly & respectfully yours
Mather & Landis

Frankford P. O., Philadelphia Co.

P.S. Please send the favor to send us your written consent to this
arrangement through our P. O. as above.

The Phil^l Bank
Dec 14. 1853

My dear Sir,

Page Bacon & Co have consigned
to this Bank some pieces of gold,
one of which (said to contain \$12,000)
is to be delivered to certain parties
who hold P. B. & Co's receipts
for it. I am not advised
whether there is any distinctive
mark on the box, but it is highly
important that the box should
not be melted. I shall ^{take} all
possible precautions to prevent its
going to the melt; but if it should
set them may I ask you to be
particular to see that it is not
melted?

I am very truly
Yours &c
P. B. & Co

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,
Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.
 Please write plainly (name, address, message), and to insure receipt telegraph the message, name, address, and number of the addressee, to insure prompt delivery; also, pay the address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above may be written in full on any telegraph.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA, No. 95 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Offices in: NEW YORK, No. 1 Hanover Street, near Irving House, Broadway.
 " WILMINGTON, Chamber's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
 " BALTIMORE, Sun Loan Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
 " WASHINGTON, National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

BY TELEGRAPH.
 New York No. 13853
 Rec'd. Philadelphia, Dec 18 1853 1 o'clock 21 min.
 To Col. R. S. Snowden
 U. S. Mount

Hastely I sent a
letter telegraph first
or second Cabin
C C Bowen
Tammany Hall
10/25
a L.

I will commence the formation of such cabinet
and registers. The works of the depart-
ment.

I will take measures to ~~have~~ ^{make} ~~the~~
to have the ^{works} ~~business~~ of the department on this
subject carried out.

Unit of the United States.
Dec 13. 1853.

Gentlemen.

I propose the following arrangements
for the supply of articles to the Mint, viz: to
give you in connection with Messrs Powers
and Langfittman "two-thirds (2/3)" of the
amount now being required and to divide
the balance between Messrs Mohr & Landis
and Mr. C. J. Chase. The latter gentleman
has heretofore provided about this proportion,
and it is deemed proper to bring in Messrs
Mohr & Landis in view of their having made
arrangements to facilitate the operation of
the Branch Mint at San Francisco.

I wish to hear from you to-day if
practicable; at furthest tomorrow.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Samuel R. Anderson
Director

Messrs N. Loring & Co.
South Front St.

The 12th 12th 1853
D. Henson Trust
Estimated Sum
The enclosed receipt
now in them of 12th - in Henson
expect Adams Co will deliver us
the 15 Cash entry - and of
Respectfully
Mills & Co

Custom House
Collection Office
Savannah 13 December 1852

Sir

I herewith transmit Transfer Draft
No 305. for \$540 in 3 cent piece, sent
to this office, which is endorsed by the Depu-
tary as requested by you, of the 9th inst
Very respectfully,
Wm. A. Smith

Wm. A. Smith
By Order

E. C. Dale Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York, Decr. 12th 1853.

Dear Sir.

I enclose you my bond
for the office of Assayer. It has
been delayed on account of the
difficulty of finding the Judge dis-
engaged from his Court duties.

When I had the pleasure of
calling on you shortly after my
appointment, you thought there
would be no difficulty about my
drawing pay from the date of
my commission. I find it
is the practice of the Government

to do so in other cases if I hope
that I shall not be an exception.
Please inform me through what
channel I shall present my
account. I have been com-
municating in communication with
Capt. Culham, as I was with his
predecessor Capt. Bowman
going such directions of advice
as it was in my power to bestow
so that I have, by them, at
least, been considered as in
service.

I ought to have stated that
Mr. William Shaw, who is my

brother-in-law, is the senior partner
of the old & well known firm
of Burgess & Shaw (late Wright
& Burgess & Shaw) large im-
porting merchants of this city
& of the highest reputation - as
you will find by enquiring.

After the first of January
next I hope to ^{be} present at the
Mint. The Agency Office
runs slowly, & there is very
much to do before we can work.

With many thanks for your
kind attention. I remain

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly
J. H. Snowdon

John Snowdon

Dec 5 - 1853
Harrisburg - 755- 253

Wrote P.O. Dec. 12, 1853

On the 25th of last month I sent to the
Mint by Express a small amount of California
Gold, and requested you to send some receipt for
the same - not having heard from it, I now
write to request you to inform me whether it
was received at the Mint -

To the Treasurer of
the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Respectfully,
Thomas P. Harris

New York Dec 11th 1853

Wm S. R. Snowden
Phila

Dear Sir

You would have heard from me before this time as I have almost completed my arrangements several days ago, but could not do so confidently, without having first examined the steamer myself. Both Lines have been expecting their steamers for the last two days, and though my mind has been almost made up in regard to the line which I should prefer, still I could not, nor should not like to come to a conclusion, until I had actually seen the accommodations on either line, as well by personal observation as by the report of the passengers on both lines. Neither of the Steamers have arrived as yet, contrary to all expectations. In the mean time, I have not been idle, in securing at all events the most favorable terms from either line and the result of my endeavors has been as follows. The Company by the Nicaragua Line will be for the first Cabin without any deduction whatever \$275 for passage and about \$20 for board & contingencies on the Atlantic. In the second cabin they agree to a deduction from the regular price of \$175 to \$150 for passage and expenses on the Isthmus \$20 as above. On the contrary the Clipper Line agree to reduce their price \$200 for first cabin to \$180, best accommodations possible, and about \$50 expenses in crossing the Isthmus & \$25 for board, and they also agree to reduce the price of 2^d Cabin passage from \$150 to \$125, with the same expenses in crossing the Isthmus, — On comparison of the accommodations for the first and second cabin passage of the Steamers in port, I find that while ample

C. S. R.

comfort is guaranteed to us in the first cabin, the second cabin will oblige us to sleep twelve in a small room, not over ventilated and only gives us the second chance at the dining table, that is to say, if the first table is filled by first cabin passengers, the second cabin passengers have to wait, till they get through, and then take what they can get, moreover the berths are open and some two to three hundred human beings are cramped up in a small space not over well ventilated and airy. Therefore I think, that after the very liberal deduction made by the Aspinwall Line, which of course I expect, to be perfectly & strictly private, as it is their special request and they are not in the habit of making reductions in the price of passage, it will be advisable so well for the comfort of the party as the certainty of arriving in San Francisco at the time desired by you, that we should secure a first cabin passage by the Aspinwall & Panama Mail Route, said Line having a number of extra Steamers at their command on the Pacific Side, and will insure in case of any breakdown, an immediate despatch from Panama to San Francisco, while the Nicaragua Line, having but the necessary amount of Steamers for their interrupted traffic, will not be able to replace any accidental losses of Steamers by Reserve Steamers. The difference in the price of Passage is rather in favor of the Panama Line, the comfort so far as I am able to judge by the Steamers in port, the same, and the certainty of going through in the requisite time decidedly in favor of that line. I therefore respectfully report to you, as the conclusion of my

observations, that it would be advisable, to engage passage in the first cabin of the Aspinwall & Panama Route in preference to any other and I wait for your decision, whether to engage the first or second cabin, and also which of the two lines I shall make the engagement with, and I leave it to your judgment, entirely to send me either by telegraph or letter the decision, you may please to come to. You will please direct either your telegraphic despatch or your letter to E. C. Bowen, Tammany Hall New York. I have the honor to sign

Your most obedient servant,
E. C. Bowen

San Francisco

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Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
New York, Dec^r 10th 1852.

C. C. Dale Esq^r
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,
I am favored with yours of the
9th inst enclosing Transfer Draft N^o 386 on the Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint at Phil^a in my favor, as Asst^r Treasurer U. S. at New York,
for \$2500, issued to cover a deposit of three cent coins made by
the former from July 1st 1852 to Sept^r 30 1852. Agreeably to your
request I have indorsed, and now return the Draft to you ac-
companying the present.

Very respectfully
John C. Davis

J. C. Davis

Asst^r Treas^r

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5978.99 ✓

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599.41 ✓
13,924.41 ✓
41.4 ✓
421.430 ✓
433.356 ✓
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W. S. Harris
Philad^a Dec. 9. 1852.

Dear Sir,
Your letter of the 7th inst.
with the enclosures has been rec^d.
The Director of the Board, being absent
for a few days, it is necessary, from
an early reply to your communication,
I will call his attention to your
letter, upon his return, and I have
no doubt he will communicate his
views to you with the least possible
delay.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Scott.
J. W. Edelman
for the Director of the B.

Wm. H. Scott
Frankford, Pa.
Philad^a

Pittsburgh 9 Dec 1853

Dear Sir,

We have written to Pierce & Co
to send us by Express

1000 \$ Gold Dollars

1000 New Quarters silver

and charge the same to our a/c

We do not know how
you are off for the above articles but if possible
give them to W.D. for us. Half of the silver in
halves would answer as well as quarters

Yours Very Truly

William A. Heller

Col J. A. Snowden
Ref Muntz
Phil

Treasury Department

Dec. 1-1888

Sir

At the December term last
of the Circuit Court of the United
States for the District of North Carolina
held at Raleigh, Cornelius Weidner
was tried and convicted of passing
and uttering spurious coin
purporting to be the genuine gold
coin of the U.S. and sentenced
to confinement for ten years.

A quantity of this spurious
coin found in his possession has
been sent to this Department by
the Post Office Inspector
from which I have selected a piece
of each denomination, namely
of five dollars two and a half
dollars and one dollar which
are herewith transmitted.

The object in sending these articles
to you is to request you to commence
the formation of a Cabinet and
registry of such dangerous coins.
You will please therefore to collect
all such coins as ~~they~~ have been
put out and you may ^{be} able to
obtain ~~them~~ and to make a register
of the time and places at which
the utterance of them took place
the persons concerned in such
utterances, their arrest trial con-
viction &c with any other facts
which may be obtained and
may serve to show how far and
in what localities ^{or} counterfeit has
been practised, and may serve
to direct or aid in the measures
to prevent and punish the offence.

Sincerely,
Samuel May

J. Ross Snowden Esq. James Sullivan
Director of the Lee Society
Ment Park

Recd 21. Dec
and 25th
Ann Arbor Michigan
Dec. 8, 1853.

Dear Sir, I send you here with a small
parcel of Gold for which please send
me a Mint Certificate. Oblige
Yours Respectfully
D.W. Whitely

P.S. I may not have got the gold in
just such shape as you require it
as I do not know precisely what
are your regulations in this respect
if it is not that it be prepared in
Philadelphia without sending
it back here for that purpose
as the amount is too small
to incur such expense of
that do you pay for it. D.W.W.

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	X 155.00		X	100000.00	2
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Treasury of the US
8 Decr. 1852

Sir

I enclose you Transfer drafts

No 305 in favor of Depositary Savannah for \$ 540.

✓ 306 do apt. to US New York for 2500.

304 do Depositary Buffalo for 5220.

payable by you as Treasurer of the US Mint, the same
having been issued to cover deposits of three cent coins
made by you, with the parties in whose favor they are
drawn.

Will you please procure the necessary endorsements
thereon & transmit them to this office as Vouchers for
your charges in the 3^d quarter of the present year

very respectfully

Yours obed^t Serv^t
Amos H. Handcock

Acting Treasurers.

E. C. Dale Esq

Treasurer US Mint

Philadelphia

Brammings Chemical Works, Philad^a Co.,
December 7th 1852
Col. J. R. Gordon, Director of U. S. Mint, Philad^a

Dear Sir

In conformity with your suggestion made in the
course of our conversation a few days ago on the subject of a reasonable share to
be given us in the supply of the Mint with acids, we will in this more formal
way state what we think would be a fair proportion, our terms being the same
as Lewis's and Powers & Knightman's.

If we have correctly understood Prof. Dr. Scott, the actual yearly wants of the Mint
must be about 1,200,000^{lb} Nitric Acid 35° and 600,000^{lb} Sulfuric Acid 66°. We will
not 1/10 of this supply be a fair proportion for us, namely 200,000^{lb} Nitric Acid
and 100,000^{lb} Sulfuric Acid, or 32 Carboys of the former per week averaging 160°
each, and 12 Carboys of the latter per week also averaging 165° each? The
quality and strength of both acids to prove, as a matter of course, perfectly satisfactory
for the requirements of the Mint.

We would feel obliged to you for an early answer that we might make all
necessary arrangements before the beginning of January.

Very truly & Respectfully yours
Wm. A. Gordon

Please address us Frankford P. O., Philad^a Co.,

In regard to the value on Crude Saltpetre, Nitrate of Soda, Potash, and Plaster
sells, we are glad that your position enables you to set a just estimate
upon the practical working of these duties on the refining of Gold at the Mint. We

since it is so however when we stated to you that 5¢ is the duty on Good halfpence and
plate of soda, it is only 5¢; but it is 5¢ on Platinia stills, for we paid it ourselves
two years ago, and 5¢ on Good Brimstone. Now all these duties taken off, and
the country said not this revenue), the cost of refining the 60 millions of this year
at the Mint would of course be reduced \$3,000,000 in the \$12,000,000 duty of soda,
or Potash, and \$1,000,000 in the \$500,000 Good Brimstone would be met the wants of this
amount of refining; besides your honorable request would be refunded the \$200,000
(two thousand dollars) duty which they paid on their Platinia stills, the working capacity
of which corresponds exactly with the quantity of stills annually required by the Mint,
there is not an ounce of either halfpence, or plate of soda, or ~~any~~ of Brimstone is
produced in this country; and as for Platinia stills there is but one establishment in the
world where they are manufactured, that is in Paris; for the skill, experience, and
large capital required for such a manufacture, as well as the necessarily very limited
number of stills also required; have caused England, Germany and all other countries
of Europe, with their numerous and extensive bleaching and dyeing establishments, to
refrain from entering into competition with the Parisian concern; we think that
the whole number of stills in the U. S. is at present eleven.

When these facts are presented by you to the Secretary of the Treasury, in their direct
connection with the operations of the Mint, we doubt not but that his judgment will
approve the justice of our request for the transfer to the free list of the duties above.
We enclose with this the promised information lately received concerning the rates
of passage from New York to St. Francisco (for your 15th is appointed to the Grand
Mint at San Francisco).

Respectfully yours

M. L. F.

Treasury of the U.S.
December 5th 1853

Sir,

I enclose you herewith Transfer draft N^o
517 on you, in my favor & assigned to you for \$100. payable in Copper Coins, for
which please furnish me with said Coins by Adams & Co Express.

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Serv^t

Wm. C. Cady

Treasurer U.S.

apt. Treasurer U.S.
Philad^a

Treasury Department
Dec 24. 1853.

Sir,

I return, by Adams express,
the Drawings Medallions forwarded by you a
few days since, the Department agreeing with
you that none of them offer a sufficient inducement
to make a change. You are authorized to make
the payments and to make the offer to Artists
as suggested in your letter of the 29th ultimo.
I am very Resp^t.

James Guthrie
Sec^y Treasury

J. Robt Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Exp sent by Adams.

Treasury Department
Dec. 3. 1853.

Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst. has
been received. The advance made by you
to Jas. M. Smith the workman sent by you to
St. Francisco is approved, and you are authorized
to make the necessary advances to those workmen
about to sail & a remittance will be made
to you when the amount is ascertained.

I am very Resp^t

Yours truly
Sec^y Treasury

J. R. Snowden
Sec^y of the Mint
Philad^a.

Recd of the Genl. Secy
Albany Nov. 30, 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter
to my letter of the 19th ult. to which I have not
been the pleasure of a reply. I write you
altogether to that letter because the time is passing
in which I will become necessary to send the
documents to San Francisco by which I will be glad
to have your sanction to the measures I made
to James M. Smith. The documents I sent on the
19th ult.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Brewster
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Dec 3, 5

Sir
I have received your
fav^r of the 1st inst. The
sample enclosed therein
is simply a good specimen
of iron pyrites, quite abundant,
and of no commercial value.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours R. H. Stoddard
Cincinnati

D. Stimpfe Esq.
German Settlement
Boston C.
Ma

German Settlement, Preston County, Va
Dec 11/55

Dr Sir

enclosed please find
sample of ore found in this County
Embedded in rock please let me know
as soon as convenient what it contains
whether valuable or not & very much
obbliged yours, D.

D. Sample for
Preston County

Simply a good specimen of
iron pyrites, quite abundant
& of no commercial value

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. Dec. 2, 1853

Sir,

I have received your
letter of the 20 ult. with the enclosed
statement, and have forwarded the
proceeds of \$1000. in gold dollars
per Messrs Adams & Co's Express
as requested.

I am, very truly
and respectfully,
Yours Robert Adams
Director

Messrs Geo. L. Shreve & Co.
Bankers
Pittsburgh
Pa

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Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Dec 22 - 1853.

Daniel Sturgess, Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir -
Main account of the
Ordinary and Contingent Expenses of the Mint at
Philadelphia, for the Month of June 1853, has
been adjusted at the Treasury and balanced
of \$76,861.²²/₁₀₀ found to be due from you to the
United States, instead of \$12,643.²²/₁₀₀ as stated
in your account, making a difference of
\$64,218.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ which arises by your not having
credited the following warrants viz:

No. 912. dated Sept. 20 th 1853	\$ 24,000
" 1259 " Oct 6 th 1853	\$ 22,928.
Difference as above.	\$ 64,218. 00

Very Respectfully,
Oliver Westcott,
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 1862

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 25th ult. with the enclosing check. As the American Express does not extend to this City I have handed the proceeds to Wells Adams & Co. who will take the coin to New York and transfer to the American Express. We have no 3 cent pieces in hand the coinage of them being suspended last April in view of the fact that 26 millions of 3 cent pieces had been issued. It is sent to you as follows

\$500	in coins
500	1/2 "
25	1/4 dollars
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\$1025	

It gives me pleasure to oblige you in this matter. Very Respectfully,
Wm. B. Smith
Director
Profr. Bristol, N.Y. 1862
Hendricks

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Chicago Dec 14/53
O. Springer Esq
Two Mt. Street
Phila.

Dear Sir
Enclosed I send
Your draft on N.Y. for 100 dollars, for which
I have paid the amount in Cent. by
such Companies as will be most speedy &
convenient for your arrangements for transmitting
the same. I oblige Yours
J. P. Carter

Taunton Dec^r 1. 1833.

Dear Sir,

Res: W. & M. S.

Sir.

We have rec^d.
Your favor of the 29th ult. with statement
of the settlement of Sept 26th 1833,
Oct. 1 - (272)
- 8 - (28)

and draft on New York enclosed for
\$1991¹⁰ - being for balance due to
us -

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. S. & Co

No 1.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan 5. 1854.

To the Treasurer of the Mint.

Credit the account of Heltzer Refiner his
account of Gold and debit Profit & Loss, with the sum of
Five thousand five hundred & forty nine ⁸²/₁₀₀ dollars,
corresponding to ^{298 32}/₁₀₀ ounces of standard gold; being the
amount which has been overcharged to the Heltzer Refiner
by reason of the presence of iridium and osmium in
the deposits of California gold transferred to him,
which metals have been separated from the gold
in his operations, during the past three years, and
are to be returned to you by him simultaneously
with the execution of this warrant, and your receipt
to be endorsed hereon, the foregoing valuation being
made upon Three hundred & four ¹/₁₀₀ ounces of
iridium and osmium, at an average value of
California gold, assumed for the present purpose at
\$18 ⁷/₁₀₀ per ounce (See copies of Statements of Mr R
Assayer enclosed.) And for so doing this shall
be your warrant.

(signed) Jas. R. Spowden
Director.

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Letters from the
Sparger and the
Weller & Referred
respecting bond-obligation
accumulated upon ^{the Mills} bond
during the past
3 years, with a form
of Warrant to
Credit Mkt's of Gold
& change Profit & Loss
therefor.

Jan. 31, 1854.

To the Treasurer of the Mills
Profit & Loss to the Gold Bullion

To the Treasurer of the Mint.
Melter & Refiner his account of Gold
Audit the account of ~~Gold & Bullion~~,
and debit Profit and Loss, with the sum
of dollars cents, corresponding
to ounces of standard gold; being
the amount which has been overcharged to
the Melter & Refiner by reason of the pres-
ence of iridium and osmium in the deposits
of California gold, ^{transferred to him,} which metals have been
~~found~~ separated from the gold in his
operations, and ^{are} to be returned to you by
him simultaneously with the execution of
this warrant, and your receipt to be endorsed
hereon; the foregoing valuation, ^{being} ~~having been~~
made upon ounces of iridium and
osmium, at an average value of California
gold, assumed for the present purpose at
per ounce. ~~State~~ to (See ~~the~~ copies
of statements of M. & R. & Assayer, enclosed.) and
for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Office of Melt & Refiner

Phil^a 28. Jan. 1854

Dear Sir

The California Gold contains occasionally a minute proportion of a native alloy, Iridium & Osmium, which is separated from the gold as far as practicable by subsidence in the melted metal. This has gradually accumulated in my hands, since we first began to separate it, say for 5 years. When my accounts were closed in Feb^y 1853, there were about 600 oz. of this material delivered up & rec^d back again as standard gold, which was so charged to me. I have separated the gold from this Iridium & added it to the gold in my hands. There still remains several hundred ounces of the purified Iridium, in addition to about 100 oz. more, accumulated during the past year. As this material was charged to me as standard gold, it evidently increases my wastage account injuriously, probably to the amount of nearly \$10,000.

It appears to me that what was incorrectly charged to me as standard gold, should be delivered up as such to the Treasurer; The only offer I have rec^d, after repeated attempts to sell it, was \$100 for the lot.

J.R. Lawrence, Esq.
Director, U.S. Mint

Lat^h Booth
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Wm. W. ...
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Assayer's Office, U.S.M.
Jan 30. 1854.

The Assayer of the mint is clearly
of the opinion that the Melter & Refiner
has made a proper suggestion in regard to
the gold ore accumulated upon his hands.
This substance occurs in California gold, not
as an alloy, but as a foreign body; that is, in
minute, isolated specks and dots, scattered
through the mass of gold, which may or may
not be indicated in the assay piece. From
these its peculiar characteristics, as also from its
inappreciable amount in any single deposit,
it cannot ordinarily be taken into account by
the Assayer. This metal is, however, delivered
in the gold to the Melter & Refiner, as so
much gold; and when separated by him (as it
must be for the purposes of coinage) it ought
to be returned to the Treasurer upon the same
footing. It would be doing an injustice to the
care of the Melter & Refiner in advising waste,
to set this down as a part of his wastage. It
is therefore respectfully suggested to the Director,
that by some proper form of statement the Mel-
ter & Refiner's account of Gold shall be credited,
and the account of profit and loss debited, with

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Sept 30 1874
Treasury Office Wm.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
Mellin & Refiner his account of Gold Bullion
Credit the account of Gold Bullion
and debit Profit and Loss, with the sum
of dollars cents, corresponding
the value of this weight of metal, not impure, being
the average of California gold. If it can be
sold in the market by the Treasurer or by some
one acting for him (as it possesses some value)
the amount received therefor will of course pass
by warrant to the credit of Profit & Loss account.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
Profit & Loss Dr. To Gold Bullion



Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Jan'y 31st 1854.

Sam^l Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir

I have this day received, by Adams & Co's Express, \$50,000, in silver, which with \$50,000, received on Saturday last, makes \$300,000, in all.

Very Respectfully
Your O^bd^t Servant.

Wm. J. Cisco
Asst^t Treas^r.

Banking House

Drexel Sather & Church

Treas. U. S. Mint
Philada

in answer to your letter of June 31st 1854

Dear Sir

Herewith enclosed

you invoice of Bullion shipped today
from Box - viz -

No 211 -	400 1/2 lb.	Twenty dollar pieces 1250.00	23.000
221 -	105 1/4	contains 1000	1365.75
221 -	97 1/4	do 11 do	1324.75
222 -	88 1/4	do 1 do	153.25
		Grand total 452 1/2	1,105.75

Which will be placed in the Fund
by Thompson & Longstreets Esqrs for
Assay and Co to the order of Messrs Drexel &
Phila

Very Resp Yours
Drexel Sather & Church

Office Assistant Treasurer
U.S. Boston Jan^y 30 1854

James B. Bowden Esq
Director Mint U.S.

Dr Sir

Will you be
so kind as to inform me what weight
is now the standard for dimes, $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes
 $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars & $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars or in fact of all of
the various kinds of coins which you
have sent and are sending to this office
and much oblige

Yours Obedt Servant
Athamer M. Heard
Assistant Treasurer
U.S. at Boston

P.S. We find what has arrived done up in
large bums and not in \$100. bums as has
been the custom heretofore and hence, this
will cause us a great amount of labor.
If you can so well send it in \$100. bums
it will be a great convenience -
In giving us the standard please say how
much in weight you put up for \$100.00
each kind

Gentlemen:

I have to thank you for
your kind note of yesterday, as
to the value of silver in London,
and the export from the latter
on the subject of indium -
as the metal does not mingle with
gold and silver but exists in
separate particles, its presence
is not always indicated by the assay,
and great pains have been taken to
free the gold from it, and the
modern method, has been in use
in the Mint for some time
past. Mr. Borda tells me that
usually, for 5 mls one
made in order to exclude it.
But it will occasionally remain
notwithstanding any effort,
and as a system of assay, more
accepted would be sent by in
order to expose the in quantity,
and frequently to his eye because

It might happen not to be
any incline in the deposits
and the expense we are in.

Sam. June 1846.

James R. C. Condon

Mont and later
Jan 3. 1854

Wm. Brown & Brown,

Ben Kent,

Thick

with Bars containing
Iodine as to cause
the heavy charges here

Philad 130 June 1854

Dear Sir

The last quotation for
Silver in London was 68 1/2 per Oz
for Standard in Paris 60 1/4 —
for Silver & Mexico Dollars on 31 day
Bar Silver sold at 62 1/2 Dollars
60 1/4 per Oz — The departure of
the Overland Mail for China
with a large amount of Silver
from South America put the
Market down. We receive an
extract from a letter from me &
for Atlantic relation to London

found in the gold we had
shipped to England, which has
always given us more a less
trouble & expense. ^{It would add}
to value of California gold
if it could be freed from the
Lidium here -

Yours truly
Ramon M. Minors

Wm. Swendenby
Director of the Mint of the U.S.

Extract from B.S.O.'s
letter No 5 for 'Atlanta'
dated April 11 Jan'y 1854
"We have just received the
assays of the remaining
three boxes Gold of 'Bullion'
Nos 247/249 and of the two
for 'City of Glasgow' but there
is not time to make them
up. Expenses owing to
Indium are respectively
£ 10 to £ 20 (roughly) but
it is well worth consideration
whether the Mint at Glasgow
should not be apprized that
the London mellers now
get rid of this obnoxious
alloy by simply remelting
3 or even 4 times over whether
they could not do the same

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
January 30th 1854

Mont Morgan Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

Your account
as Treasurer of the Mint, Philadelphia, for the
Coinage of Copper, for the 3^d quarter of 1853, has
been audited at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$2,742.⁷¹ is found to be due from you to the United
States, which amounts as follows.

Copper account	\$ 1,477. ⁸²
Copper Coinage	\$ 1265. ⁰⁹
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	\$ 2,742. ⁹¹

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller Office
July 30th 1854

Wm. H. Hays Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your account as Treasurer
of the Mint at Philadelphia, for Ordinary and Contingent
Expenses of the Mint, for the quarter ending 30 September
1853, has been deposited at the Treasury, and balance
of \$68,325.⁷⁶ found to be due from you to the
United States, instead of \$4,550.⁰⁰ as stated in your
account. Making a difference of \$63,775.⁷⁶ which
arises by your not having credited the following
Warrants, amounting to \$63,775.⁷⁶ the difference as
shown by Warrant No 1257 dated Oct 6 1852 \$33,925
Warrant No 2121 dated Nov 2 1853 \$33,925
\$67,850

Very Respectfully,
Elisha Mitchell
Comptroller

Office Draft for £
Jan. 20/54

Dear Sir,

The 'Mataga' is no favorite
with Underwriters. - We should charge
you by her 1 1/2 per cent. - A first class
Vessel from Lima to London @ 1% - - - - -
via New York to Havre by regular
packet vessel for N.Y. & then steamers to
1 1/4 % - The 1st cl. is an old vessel &
Rate @ 2 - The rate to London via
N.Y. in same manner 1 1/2 %

Yours truly,
Henry Sturges

G. F. Jennings Esq
21 Street

Harrison
Dec 16 1852

for Dec 20

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and 2 -

Auburn City Bank
Jan 28 1853

Director United States Mint

Phil
Pa

On Wednesday Dec 14

last I forwarded you by Wells, & Express a package
of Gold dust. sent in a paper wrapper

The wrapper contained two leather bags one
having about 500 vels the other about 900. net
weight. It was directed to the United States
Mint Philadelphia & marked to contain \$1500

It did not probably contain so much
since there nothing has been heard from it

Can you give us any information in
relation thereto? I am Very Resp^{ly} yours

J. M. Leonard & Co.

Auburn City MS

Auburn May

This was sent Dec 20 Marked Auburn Bank
Auburn

Rec'd and by sending Adams Ex.
 1000 1/4 doll.
 500 Drms
 500 1/2 -
2,000 Id. 1
 Rochester City Bank,
 Rochester, Jan'y 28 1854.

To Treasurer U. S. Mint, Phila.

I enclose Drafts for amounts of
 Two thousand Dollars, for which you
 will please remit us by Express, halves and
 quarters New Silver Change - \$2,000. -

1000 1/4
 500 1/2
500 1/2

Life Exchange

Respectfully Yours,

Wm. H. Rochester

Please answer
 the only denomination I
 could give him 1/4.

We are endeavoring to drive out of Circulation
 certain small Silver plasters - issued by
 Proctor & others during the scarcity of Silver
 Change - & I think we shall succeed -

report on the subject will be presented to
the Treasury

New York January 27/64

I am engaged refining
silver for Plating all sorts of
work and dispose of about
1500 Dollars p week. My object
in addressing the Director
of the Mint is to enquire
the propriety of exchanging
the coin which I want to
refine at 121 p oz for
fine silver such as the
Mint have from paying
California Gold at 134 or
135 p oz

Edmund Darrou
29 Wall st
N Y

To the Director of
the U S Mint
Philad

Minist of the United States.
Chicago, Ill., 27. 1874.

Sir,
In reply to your letter of
yesterday, I have to state that
we cannot make the exchange
you desire.

Very Respectfully

Samuel P. Rowden
Director.

Edmund Carson Esq.
No. 29 Wall St.
New York.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Jan'y 28th 1854

Sam^l Sturgeon Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir

All the silver coins,
received from you, is put up in bags of \$1,000.
each, (excepting some thrown in loose) and as
it is the desire of the Secretary of the Treasury,
that we should exchange it for gold, in small
sums, with a view to diffuse it, as much as
possible, I should be glad to have the balance
that we are to receive, put up in bags of one
or two hundred dollars each. I would cause
this to be done in my office, if I had the ne-
cessary clerical aid, but it is impossible, with
the present force in the office, I must therefore
rely upon you to oblige me in this matter.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d servant.

John J. Cisco
Ass^t Treas^r

Minist of the United States.
Chicago, Jan. 28, 1854

Sir,

Yesterday I have the honor to transmit to the President my annual report, which is made pursuant to the 1st Act of the Mint Law of 1857.

I have send you a copy of that report, except the titular statements. It is not as good a copy as I could have wished, it being in part my original draft form, while the one sent to the President is more correct, and my Clerk was so much engaged as to be unable to make a new transcript. But the copy I hope will answer the purpose you desire I intend it.

I notice one important error in the copy sent to the President, on the 7th page where it speaks of the Ministry of Mercury, it should read "was advanced" instead of "has advanced".

When the report is printed I will send the plates, if it contains in its appendix, that it should have an appendix of statistics, to the proper sheets. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
John C. Smith

United States
Chicago? Jan. 25, 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a statement showing
the amount of coin and bars on hand
to-day.

It is proper to remark that the
balance of silver will be diminished
\$57,000 when the bonds for deposit in
favor of U.S. Treas. at N. York and
Boston are paid. We have sent
\$307,000 and the balance will be
forwarded next week.

Our true balance of silver may be
stated at — \$411,627.85.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,

Samuel B. Knapp
Director
Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

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Mount of the United States
Philad. Jan. 26th 1834.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 18th inst. and enclosed Statement
of the ordinary & contingent expenses, and also the
allowances for Gold & Silver Postage

Mount of the United States
Philad. Jan. 26th 1834.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 18th inst. and enclosed
Statement of the ordinary & contingent expenses,
and also of the allowances for Gold & Silver
Postage, expenses & expenses

Minist of the United States.
Chicago: Jan. 28. 1854.

Sir,

The request in your favor of the 21st inst. I intend to placing the same before the President to see for payment, which I have no doubt to be correct.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

A. S. Johnston, Treasurer, \$575.00
Wm. L. Hunter, Treasurer, \$4.00
J. S. Smith, Treasurer, \$4.00
Wm. L. Hunter, Treasurer, \$4.00
Total \$783.00

There are all that have as yet been presented. I retain duplicates in my office.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours all respects,

James Guthrie, Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

James R. O'Connell,
Director.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Jan'y 27th 1854

Genl Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir

The second installment
of silver coins, has come to hand today, and as we
have no room in our vault for it, it is desirable
for us to dispose of it promptly, to do this, we find
the proportion of dimes and half dimes too great.
We have now a sufficient quantity of them. Oblige
me by sending the ballance, in halves & quarters.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant.

John J. Cisco
Asst Treasr.

10th of the United States
Philadelphia Jan 25th 1834.

Sir, I submit the following report of the
fineness and value of certain foreign gold
and silver coin, as required by the act of
Congress of Jan 25. 1834, and March 3. 1843,
said coin being therein made a legal tender
upon certain conditions, which are contingent
upon this report.

Gold Coins.

The law provides that "gold coins
of Great Britain, not less than 915 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths
fine, shall be received at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per penny-
weight. In a long series of years and operating
at times upon large quantities of such coin,
we have not been able to find a higher
average result than 915 $\frac{1}{2}$; and it was upon
this basis that the enactment was framed.
But under the present management of the
British Mint, and of its assay depart-
ment, beginning fairly with the year
1852, there is an upward tendency more
strictly conforming with the legal standard
of 916 $\frac{2}{3}$. The assay of a few pieces of
1852 and 1853 (the course of Trade pre-
venting the receipt of large quantities here)
gives an average of 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the Compu-
tation would be 94 $\frac{7}{10}$ cents per pennyweight.
But it will evidently require a large emission

at this rate to make a perceptible improvement in any numerous parcel; and some years must elapse before the rate fixed by Congress can be recalled.

The gold coins of France are made current at $92\frac{1}{10}$ cents per penny weight, provided their fineness be not less than 899 thousandths. Their legal standard is 900; but in actual fineness, down to 882 inclusive, cannot be rated higher than 899.

Gold coins of Spain, Mexico and Colombia, of the value of 20 Carats $3\frac{7}{16}$ Carat grains, equal to $86\frac{1}{16}$ thousandths, are invariably of the same fineness, while occasionally parcels have been found to be of that fineness or slightly above it, they are frequently not higher than 866; and would therefore appear to be thrown out of the terms of the law. However the gold coins of New Granada, which is a part of Colombia, have been minted since 1849 at the new legal rate of 900 thousandths, and upon repeated trials are found to average 894. But it is very rare to find any longer in our circulation a gold coin of Spain, Mexico or Colombia.

The gold coins of Portugal and Brazil, made current upon condition of being not less than 22 Carats ($916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths) fine, are really not higher than 914 thousandths; they are now only known among us as curiosities, and it is believed are scarce even in their own country.

Silver Coins.

The Spanish pillar-dollar, and the dollar of Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia, ^{not} less than 897 thousandths fine, and 415 grains in weight; and the dollar of Chili and Central America and those re-stamped in Brazil of not less fineness than "ten ounces fifteen pennyweights in the pound" (895⁵/₁₆ thousandths) and 415 grains in weight; are receivable at one hundred cents each. The present average fineness and value of these coins, as appearing in our circulation, may be stated as in the accompanying table; with some doubt as to the item of Central America, whose coinage is very irregular.

Denominations.	Weight Grains.	Fine- ness.	Value in Cents Per piece.	Per ounce.
Spanish pillar-dollar	415	895	99.7	116.1
Mexican dollar	412	898	99.7	116.1
Dollar of Mexico, Mexl	416 ¹ / ₂	899	100.8	116.2
Do Peru do	415	905	101.1	117.0
Do Bolivia	416 ¹ / ₂	901	101.1	116.5
Do Chili	416 ¹ / ₂	901	101.1	116.5
Do Central America	416	870	97.5	112.5

The five-franc pieces of France, of not less than 900 thousandths fine, and 384 grains in weight, are made current at 93 cents. They continue to maintain this average to the year 1852, which is the latest date of assay here.

It is to be noted that the foregoing valuations of Silver Coin are based upon the legal

rate of the United States is fixed by the act of 1837. Under the act of 1837, the mint is now paying a premium upon these rates to procure silver for coinage; consequently the laws making them current may be considered nugatory and obsolete. The same remarks, for other but obvious reasons, may be applied to all the gold coins mentioned in this report, except those of Great Britain and France.

I embrace this opportunity to suggest that there is no longer any propriety or necessity for legislating on the circulation of the coins of other countries. In no other nation, except in the case of some colonies, is this mixture of coins admitted by law, either into the same of country, or convenience. Where these laws, as to foreign coins, were passed, our coinage was considerable, but during the last few years the pieces struck, in number and value, it is believed, is scarcely inferior to that of any other country. The last year more than seventy six millions of pieces were struck of the value of upwards of sixty four millions of dollars. If this suggestion is adopted and the laws which legalize foreign coins be repealed, it would be proper, by a standing regulation of the Treasury Department, or by legislative enactment to require an annual report upon the receipt and disbursement of such foreign coins as payment by checks or passes with a view to settle and determine their marketable value. Such a report would

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in a judicious estimate of the case now
presented.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James R. Thompson
Lincoln.

Hon. ^{Mr.} James G. Thayer
Secretary of the Treasury.

Minst of the United States
Philad^a Jan. 26, 1854.

Mint of the United States

Phila. & Jun. 26. 1854.

Sir,

Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter and W.

Minist of the Interior
Ottawa? Jan. 27. 1888.

Mr. Rogers accepts the appointment as
a Special Commissioner to attend the annual
meeting at the Mount, but Mr. Dallas declines. The
latter has written to you to that effect.

If we have an official Commission
in place - as there was those in office then, it
will take time to substitute a new one. Perhaps
it will be better to have a new one
as one member of a government is not
disinterested from the fact, that it is a government
in name, as well as in fact.

Perhaps it would be advisable
to appoint another gentleman, (another Mr. Rogers)
who is acquainted with the history and
in order to report in the scientific character of
the survey.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Dear Sir, your obedient servant,

Wm. James Guthrie
Chief of the Survey,
Washington City.

James H. Macdonald,
Director.

Minut in the United States.

Wlad. Jan 29, 1854

50,

I enclose from the Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury draft No 358, in your favor on the
Treasury of the United States for \$300.00. Payable
in full on order. This draft was endorsed by the
Secretary to have the amt. to Messrs Adams & Co.
with whom I was authorized to make
arrangements to send the amount to you.

5. Fifty thousand will be sent you 2 days
and the same sum each day until the
water is received. I send you large quantities
of ten small coins as they will enable you
more fully to supply the public with change

You will please draw on the Treasurer
of the Vault for the balance which stands
in your favor in your draft. It is the
dividend for the preceding year
amounting to about five in interest.

I am, very Respectfully,

Thomas Beard Esq. James Dept. of the
M^{rs}. Mrs. Boston. Minister
M^{rs}.

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Ans^d 31 Jan.

New York Jan^y 26th 1854

Can't get an answer to Mr. in time for the
Ship, St. Nicholas.

At the request of Mr. Livingston we
reply to your letter to him of the 25th but — Mr. Livingston
has no ship up for Havana — we have (the St. Nicholas) the sail
from the 1st to 4th prox^o — the rate of freight will be \$2 1/4 per barrel
as which rate we have already 50 bbls of sugar on board
they can be received if desired not later than Tuesday next
if we receive your reply stating that you wish to part receive
We have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedt Servt
P. J. & W. H. H. H.
Agents

D. Morgan Esq^r
Treasur^r
Philadelphia

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Jan. 26th 1854.

L. Sturgeon Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Yours of the 25th inst.
is received with receipt of Messrs Adams & Co.
for twenty kegs silver coins, containing One
hundred thousand dollars, on account of
transfer draft for \$500,000, in my favor.

The kegs have arrived, and we find that
the denomination of coin, is not marked on
the outside of each keg, to save us the necessity
of opening each to ascertain its contents. You
will very much oblige us by causing the rest
of them to be marked.

Very Respectfully

Your Ob. Servant,

John J. Cisco

Ass^t Treas^r.

Am^o. Feb. 7 '54

Treasury of the U.S. States
January 26. 1854.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r of the Mint. Philad^a

Sir

We are well aware of the objections mentioned in your letter of 21st inst to the course which has been pursued, for several years, with regard to some of the transfers of coin from the Mint to Depositories and have frequently endeavored to have it changed, but not always with success.

Transfer drafts should, in all cases, should have been ordered, at the time that directions were sent to the Mint to forward the coin, and so placed that the Payees might endorse them, on receipt of the amounts called for, and I expect that this will be done hereafter.

On 7th September last we were directed to issue Transfer drafts No 425 for \$3,000 from the Mint to Charleston. This draft was not sent out of the Office and was believed, by us, to cover \$1,000 credited at Charleston on the 9th June, and \$2,000 on the 26th August.

On 6th October we were directed to issue No 427 for \$1,000 between the same points. This draft was sent out & was returned in your letter of 21st, endorsed by the Agent Sur^t at Charleston. But, as you have charged only \$3,000 as transferred to that Office and as the Agent Sur^t there has

creditors only \$3,000. we have much reason to think
that N^o 457, was ordered under some mistake or facts,
especially as, in your Statement to 30th September
there are six sums enumerated, including \$1,000. to
Charleston, which appear to have been intended to be
covered by the order for drafts N^{os} 455 to 460. though
the \$1,000. to Charleston was probably a part of the
\$3,000 covered by N^o 428. as \$2,000 are charged
to the same place, in another part of said Statement.

I am therefore, under the necessity of enquiring
whether, during the last year you sent to
Charleston any other than the two sums, \$1,000. and
\$2,000. afore mentioned.

Very respectfully

Yours Obed Servant

John Casley

Edwards

Mint of the United States.
Chicago: Jan. 25, 1857.

Sir,
I have some papers of yesterday stating the
names of the gentlemen designated by the President
to attend the annual Assay at the Mint.

I have communicated to Mr. Dallas
and Prof. Rogers the letter which you enclosed.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours faithfully &c &c
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Jan 25. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 19th, 20th and 23rd instant, and to say in reply to the first that as it is not probable that the building for the assay office at N. York will be ready before May next, you will be pleased not to send on the apparatus and implements for that office until further notice from the Department. The Bills for that office you will be pleased to examine & certify and send them to this Department for payment.

The appointment of Mr. Andrew Mason nominated in your letter of the 20th as assistant to the Assayer at N. York - at a salary of \$1500 per annum ^{is approved} to take effect when the office shall go into operation. In the mean time he can retain his present situation.

Yours

You are authorized to permit the Machinery
of the Mint to be used for striking the Medals
referred to in your letter of the 23^d inst. Board
would suggest that the better course would be
to require the parties themselves to furnish the
Metals used.

Enclosed you will
receive a transfer draft on the Treasurer of
the Mint in favor of the Assistant Treasurer
at Boston for \$300.00 payable in Silver Coins.
The draft is made payable to Messrs Adams & Co
and you will be pleased to arrange with
that house for the Transportation of the amount
to Boston. The As^t Treasurer at Boston has been
authorized to transfer the amount now to his
credit at the Mint (\$300.00) to Boston.
You will be pleased to cause it to be sent
thru the same channel.

I am very Resp^{tly}
W^m Washington Folke

Sec^y Treasury

J. R. Snow

Asst^y Mint

Philad^a

1864
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Dec 27 (ay)
C. H. Hart

Ans. Haven 20 Jan 1864

Mr.

With reference to the return of Gold 20.95 on
N. H. account at West Jan 4th
I find only 12.69 of Gold. 3.95 on exp
(as paid in letter Jan 9th.) leaving a
balance of 8.34 on platinum & iridium,
for which there is no credit in memorandum
Prof. Williamson of G. C. tells me he thinks
there should be credit for them as they
are more valuable than the Gold.
Please inform me with regard to it,
and. Oblege

Yours Respectfully
C. H. Hart

{ To the Secretary }
W. S. Smith

Adm
Ans C. H. Hart
122 Chapel St
H. Haven

Treasury of the U.S.
25 Jan'y 1854

Sir,

I have this day issued Transfer
draft \$555 on you, in favor of the Asst. Treasurer U.S.
at Boston for \$300,000. payable in silver coins.

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Servt

Saml. Casey
Treasurer U.S.

Treasurer U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia
Penn^a.

Received Phila. Jan'y 25th 1854 of
James Ross Snowden Director of the U. S.
Mints Draft # 534 for Two Hundred
Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) drawn by the Treasurer
of the United States on the Treasurer of the
Branch Mint at New Orleans in favor of the
Asst Treasurer U. S. at Louis.

We promise to collect
the above draft and transport the proceeds
to St Louis Mo. to be delivered to the Asst
Treasurer of U. S. at that City.

Insurance to be paid by the Treasury
Department at Washington

Adams Co

Received Phila. Jan. 25. 1854 of
James Ross ordered by Director of the U. S.
Mint through draft #554 for Ten thousand
Thousand Dollars (say 200,000) drawn by the
Treasurer of the United States, on the Treasurer
of the Branch Mint at New Orleans in favor
of the Asst Treasurer U. S. St. Louis Mo.

We promise to collect the
above draft and transport the proceeds to
St. Louis Mo. to be delivered to the Asst
Treasurer of U. S. at that City.

Freight and
Insurance to be paid by the Treasury
Department at Washington

Adams & Co

Treasury of the United States
24th January 1854.

Sir

I have this day issued Transfer
Draft. 18557 on you, in favor of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at
New York for \$500,000. - payable in silver coins.

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Servt.

Wm. Casey

Treasurer U. States

Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.

The First assistant of
Wm. F. BALDWIN,
J. B. CARTER, for Cash,
GERARD GOYER.

BANKING HOUSE OF JOSIAH LEE & CO.

Baltimore, Dec. 21st 1854

U. S.
Director of Mint

Dear Sir

You will please
coin into ten and five-cent pieces the balance
of our coin you have on hand, and send to
us at your earliest convenience by Express,

Very Resp.

Josiah Lee & Co

Treasurer's Department
Jan 21 1887.

Sir

Enclosed you will receive a transfer draft by the Treasurer's Office on the Treasurer of the Mint for \$500,000 payable in Silver Coins. The draft is assigned to Messrs Adams & Co with whom you will please arrange for the transfer of the amount to New York. Be pleased to ascertain from Messrs Adams & Co if they will engage to transfer an additional million in specie from N. Orleans to the Mint the rate & terms of the terms are suitable to make the arrangement for the transfer. The draft will be issued when ^{amount} you shall be received.

I would suggest that the coinage as rapidly as practicable of the silver bullion on hand be
engaged

under by you on the Treasurers of the
Mint and Branch-Mint at William in
addition that in the event of a failure some time
hence the whole force may be turned to the
gold-coinage.

I am very Resp
Yours Truly
J. C. Treasury

I Prof. Morrison of
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
January 24 1854

Sir

The President has this day designated
the Hon. A. M. S. Hunter of the Senate, the Hon. J. C.
Buckennidge & Geo. Houston of the House of Represen-
tatives and the Hon. Geo. W. Dallas & Prof. R. C. Rogers
of Philadelphia to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia
on the Second Monday in February to discharge the
duties required by the Mint law of 18th January, 1854.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Yours Truly
James B. McMillen
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

H. A. May of the Southern

declines you will be advised

Department of the Interior
January 24, 1854

Sir,
Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received
signifying your willingness to collect the interest
due the Indian tribes and payable in gold etc. -
also your letter of yesterday informing me of
your having attended to that matter and forward-
ing a Certificate of deposit for the amount
collected is

For your promptness in carrying out my
wishes in regard to this business you will please
accept my thanks with the assurance that you
have rendered a very acceptable service to
this Department of the Government is

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt
R. G. Belland
Secretary

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Office Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia Aug 23. 1854.

I certify that the Hon J. W. McClelland
Secretary of the Interior, has credit in
this Office for Thirty three hundred
and twenty five dollars, deposited this
day by J. Ross Snowden Esq., Director
of the U. S. Mint.

\$ 9.325

David H. Hingston
Asst Treasurer
U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philad. Jan. 23. 1854.

Sir,
I received this morning your favor of the 20th
inst with the enclosure stated. I collected the amount
of the Company at the Bank of North America, and
placed it to your credit in the office of the Asst. Treas.
U.S. as stated in the above certificate.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours Obedient Servant,
Hon. R. McClelland
Sec. of the Interior
Washington City. James R. Hingston, Asst.

*Coinage of the U.S. Mint and Branch Mints
U.S. Mint of the United States
Gold Coinage*

1793 to 1807	132,572	265,707	22,197
1807 to 1817		2,217,724	177,743
1817 - -	7,200	286,381	27,024
1817 - -	31,241	114,145	27,021
1840 - -	27,321	137,202	11,127
1841 - -	62,151	153,533	
1842 - -	81,227	272,771	2,125
1843 - -	75,462	311,205	100,542
1844 - -	63,611	342,370	67,200
1845 - -	26,153	217,099	91,051
1846 - -	20,092	395,942	21,571
1847 - -	342,264	919,701	29,814
1848 - -	145,484	260,772	3,116
1849 - -	615,611	130,170	
1850 - -	1,170,267	291,461	64,091
1851 - -	2,017,153	176,321	277,525
1852 - -	2,630,226	265,106	372,411
1853 - -	1,261,326	201,223	215,770

106,012 1/2 - 16 1/2
 3,052 1/2
 1,112 1/2
 127 1/2

Mint of the United States.
Phil? Jan. 23, 1854.

Sir,

The Councils of this City have resolved
resolutions to present gold and silver medals
to the Officers of the Ships who distinguish themselves
in the affair of the San Francisco Steamer.

A Committee from their authorities have
called on me and suggested that I should
aid them in carrying these resolutions into
effect. At their request I present this subject
to your consideration. They propose to have dies
prepared at their own expense. I suppose, in
case you sanction the application, that the
only charge that should be made by the
operating officer should be the value of the
metal used in the medals.

The striking of medals is not technically
a mint operation, but you have doubtless
considered that when they are intended
for public purposes, the machinery of the
mint may properly be employed in their
manufacture.

I have the honor to be
Hon. James Guthrie with great respect,
Yours faithfully, Secy.
Ser. of the Treasury, Washington D.C. James A. Smith

from their organization to the close of the year 1858
at Philadelphia

Silver Coinage

Boston Jan. 23. 1854.

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter, dated 17. &
post marked 18. Jan. is at hand.

As the business of the Agency Office in
N. York will not be commenced as soon
by some three weeks as was expected,
I think your suggestion of deferring the
nomination of Assistant Master & Engineer
should be followed.

I hope to be in Philadelphia before
it will be necessary to make the appoint-
ments & then we can have a personal
conference in regard to the matter.

I am, dear Sir, respectfully &

truly yours &c

J. Cobb

Col. J. R. Snowden

Director &c

Philadelphia Pa.

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
January 23^d 1854

Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find a Pay Roll
No. 413 for the month of September, returning that
the several receipts by Mark (X) may be attached.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c.

To
Hon. Saul Ottinger
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

T. L. Smith
Auditor

Trust of the United States,
Chicago? Jan. 8. 1884.

Sir, I have some papers of the 14th inst, enclosing
an abstract of coupons of Tennessee 5% cert bonds
held by me in trust for you, and stating that they
must be forwarded to you for collection.
You were not right in supposing that
I must very carefully attend to the business
for you.

They are registered at the Bank of
North America. I have addressed a note to the
Cashier stating to him that I must forward
the coupons for payment as soon as they
were received by me, and have sent a note
further explaining.

I must be glad if you will state
how you wish the proceeds, when received,
submitted to you.

Noting myself in relation to what
any business in this regard that you
may desire, I am, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, I have,

Wm. T. McClendon

Washington City.

Wm. T. McClendon

What is the reason
that the water

is so much of the water of the
lake is so much of the water of the
lake is so much of the water of the
lake is so much of the water of the

Very truly yours

James W. Thompson
Secretary

John W. Thompson, Esq.
Secretary, U.S.
Department

Mint of the United States,
Chicago? Jan. 21, 1884.

Sir,

I have continued our coining operations this week, and will not suspend until the last of next week. By this means our balance of gold on hand to day is pretty large. The amount in coin being \$1,336,535. and bars \$423,858.87. Next week we will have a pretty large arrival. The last arrivals are heavy, and I think we will be able to pay the next one, which will probably be here by the 26th inst. But the last arrivals are only metals and assayed; and we will not commence coining until about the 3rd of February. The arrivals of the 10th of February, or thereabouts, may perhaps find us unprepared with coin, unless we can exchange for gold coin our large amount of silver coins. I am therefore pleased to learn by your letter yesterday, received this morning (4 o'clock P.M.) that you are writing to the Assistant Treasury New York and Boston to ascertain in what way our gold most can be exchanged for silver coins.

I think we will be able to spare 2 or 3 millions from our bullion fund in a few months if the wants of the Treasury should require it.

The course of gold being executed for private
deposits only, the operations of the Mint
must yield to the wants of the government.
But I think it imperative to continue
our prompt payments to depositors not
withstanding our business fund may be
diminished 2 or 3 millions of dollars.
At all events I will make every effort
to accomplish it, if that amount is
withdrawn.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Brown,
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

P.S. I enclose a statement of the
Coins and bars on hand to-day.
S.R.B.

Albion, N.Y. 1854.
Phil. Jan. 20, 1854.

Sir,

In consequence of my letter of
yesterday, it is proper to inform you that
I, to-day, received a reply from Capt.
Cuthbert in regard to the time when
the building for the New York Spring office
will be completed. He says "I think
we may predict being ready to com-
mence melting and refining and shipping
early in May."

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Phelps
Secretary

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

What if it is a letter
about the 18th

My dear Mr. [unclear]
I have just received your letter of the 18th
and am glad to hear that you are well.
I am writing to you now as I am
at home and have no other business
to attend to. I am sure you will
be very glad to hear from me.
I am, dear Mr. [unclear],
very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[unclear]

Dear Mr. [unclear]
I am glad to hear from you
and hope you are well.
I am, dear Mr. [unclear],
very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[unclear]

Mont of the United States
Philad^a Dec 30 1833,
To the Treasurer of the Mont.
"Charge Gold Coinage"
with Seven Thousand Nine Hundred & Seventy Eight
2/100 dollars

Department of the Interior
Washington January 20th 1854.

Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing you one hundred and thirty three Coupons due on the 1st inst. on Tennessee five per cent bonds held in trust by me for the benefit of the Indian tribes and prospects in Philadelphia. The interest on these Stocks as stated in my letter of yesterday has heretofore been collected through the agency of Banking Houses. It has been deemed advisable however to discontinue such mode of Collection and for the future to have the business transacted through an Officer of the Government. If not too much trouble, therefore, will you be pleased to collect the amounts now due and on place the same to my credit at the public depositary in Philadelphia sending me a certificate of deposit therefor.

The Coupons enclosed are fully described in an abstract sent you by the last mail.

Very Respectfully

Saml McSwain

J. Ross Snowden Esq.

Printer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Wm Halliday
Secretary.

No 2162 - 17 March Marysville Jan 20th. 1857.
Recd 15 March
Jan 21

Honorable Sir!

On the 10th of Feb. 1857. I sent by Gregory & Co Express
59 7/16 ounces of placer Gold to the U. S. Mint of Philadelphia
and have not received my Mint Receipt I wrote to
Mr. Gregory about it in Oct. 52. and received following
Answer.

I received yours to day & I can assure you the parcel
of Gold was forwarded from here (fully insured by an
open policy) by the Steamer Pacific. Feb. the 14th and was
safely delivered at the United States Mint to your Order;
you will have to forward a power of attorney
to whoever you wish it to receive it, it has been then
subject to your order ever since March 15th

But as I am anxious to know whether said Gold is
at the U. S. M. I pray to favour me with a few lines.

Your most obedient servant.

Gottfried Reinhold.

Marysville, Cal.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Aug 20th 1854

Hon. Genl. Sturgeon,

Treasurer of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

Sir,

Yours, of the 19th inst, is received, stating that on the 18th Oct last, you transmitted to my predecessor, for his endorsement, Transfer Draft, N^o 453, for \$3,200. and that you had been unable to find it, and inquiring if it might not still be at this office. I have made a careful examination, and cannot find it. Our Cashier is confident that it was transmitted to you, at the time. Genl. Dix is now absent from the City, on his return, I will refer your letter to him.

Very Respectfully
Your ob^d Servant.

John J. Cissel
Ass^t Treas^r.

Treasury Department

First Auditor's Office

January 20th 1834

Sir,

I have this day received your letter of the 16th inst
Transmitting the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Branch
Office at Baltimore.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

J. L. Smith

Auditor

Sir,

James Ross Snowden Esq

Receiver of the Mail

Philadelphia

Private.

West H. States.

Phila. Jan 20, 1854

Dear Sir,

I herewith send an official letter to ask that the President will appoint for the approaching essay, the Comtee. whom he is authorized to designate, in addition to the gentlemen who are in officio Comtee. viz. the District Judge, the District Atty. and the Collector of the Port of Phila.

I find it has been the uniform custom for the Liberator to write a private letter suggesting the names of suitable persons to act as examiners. In pursuance of this usage, I beg leave to suggest the names of the Hon. Geo. M. Dallas & Pierce Butler, and also Prof. J. H. Alexander of Baltimore and W. E. Rogers Esq. Prof. of Chemistry in the University of Maryland.

It would perhaps be advisable to select a portion of the Comtee. from the Members of Congress. I am sure no better able to judge who would be most suitable. I would suggest the names of Mr. Hunter of the Senate and Miss Houston & Breckinridge of the House. The two former just would be the members of the Committee of Misses & Mrs. it is to be.

... and apertures. The
member was elected last year but did not attend.
As it is necessary that we should have a quorum
of members present, it would be well to ascertain
whether the members of Congress ^(by any) that are
available, will attend. It is usual I
believe to appoint about five Special Com-
missions - sometimes more and sometimes
a few members.
We pay their necessary expenses
from our Contingent fund.

Yours, very truly
and faithfully
your friend & friend

Samuel P. Johnson

Rev. Amos A. Phelps
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

P.S. The selection of one or more suitable
gentlemen, in addition to those suggested,
or in exclusion of those, if thought ad-
visable, will be satisfactory to us.

Treasury Department
Jan: 20 1854.

Sir

I enclose herewith a
transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Branch
Mint at N. Orleans in favor of the Abilam
Treasury at St. Louis and made payable
to the order of Messrs Adams & Co. for \$200,000.

Be pleased to make the necessary arrange-
ment with Messrs Adams & Co. for the transfer
of this amount from N. Orleans to St. Louis
in silver coins principally of the smaller
denominations.

I am very Res^{ly}
Yours &c
Sec Treasury

J. R. of Snowden &
Director of Mint.

Philip H. Thomas Esq^r

Treasury Department
June 20 1854

Sir

The depositary at Baltimore
has been authorized to have the balance
(\$33,000) of draft No. 294 standing to his credit
in silver transported by Adams & Co's Express
to Baltimore. You will be please
therefore to cause it to be paid in such
denominations of silver coins as may best
insure their prompt circulation.

I am very Resp^{tly}
Yours Truly
Lee Treasury

J. Ruf. Snowden Esq^r
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan. 26. 1888.

I have to request that you will
call the attention of the President to the necessity
of appointing special Commissioners to attend
the annual assay which is to be held at the
Mint on the second Monday in February
next. 18th prox. in accordance with the
32 section the Mint Act of Jan. 18. 1874.

I remain, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. James Guthrie
Secretary Treasurer
Washington D.C.

James H. Crunden
Director.

Comm. next arrival 26th inst
Sept 18. Note added

Treasury Department
Jan. 20th 1854.

Sir

Yours of the 17th has been received, and application
has been made to the Assistant Treasurers in New York and
Boston, to ascertain in what way they can yield most aid
in exchanging silver change for gold.

As the subject of the additional amount you will
want for the purchase of bullion, I shall expect to hear
from you soon; but in the mean time it is proper to apprise
you that the Treasury will, in a few months, probably be
obliged to reclaim about three millions of the present fund,
and I wish to know what arrangement you can make
to meet that contingency.

Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secy. of Treasury.

To

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Department of the Interior
January 19th 1854.

Sir,

I enclose herewith an Abstract of Coupons due on the 1st inst. on Tennessee five per Cent Bonds, held in trust by me for the benefit of the Indian Tribes payable in Philadelphia and which it is proposed to send you by the next mail for collection. Should the Coupons not be duly received please take the necessary steps to prevent their payment to any other person than yourself so that no loss can accrue to the Government on account thereof.

The interest on these Bonds has heretofore been collected through the agency of Banking Houses and the offer has been made to continue the collection without charge.

It has been deemed best, however to decline that offer and to have the business transacted through the Officers of the United States, although no compensation can be allowed therefor, as it was not doubted that those Officers would be found willing to do quite as much for the benefit of the public service as private individuals or Companies, and as such a course was regarded as more fully complying with the require-

ments of writing laws in relation to the fiscal
operations of the Government

Very Respectfully,

Wm. C. C. Cook

Philadelphia

Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

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Minist of the United States.
Philad^a Jan. 19. 1854.

Sir,

The signatures and instruments for the
Army officers at New York are, moment to
your instructions, being made. I have no ac-
cure information as to the time when the building
will be completed, although I have asked the
information from Capt Callum who has that
matter in charge. On your report you state
that it will be ready by the 1st of March.
If you have any subsequent information on
that point I would be happy to receive it.

I have also to inquire as to the
managers the bills for that office are to be paid.
Several have been presented to me for pay-
ment, one by Messrs. McKim for a balance,
which I ordered, for \$575.00 and some other
small bills amounting to \$200.00. The
larger items will come in hereafter.

Every ^{thing} else is ready by the 1st of March. It
is signed, but it will not be acted upon.
Send him to New York and let the building be
ready to receive him, and thus avoid some
of the trouble in your mind.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
and faithful regards
Yours to Wm. A. R. R.
Dec. 1860

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Memorandum of Transfer drafts outstanding 18. Jan'y. 1854

No. 374	July 6. 1853	from the Minis. to the Treasury	\$ 200.000	
446	Sep 24	" " " " " " " " " " " "	15.000	✓
452	Oct 3	" " " " " " " " " " " "	20.000	✓
453	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	20.000	✓
454	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	20.000	✓
455	6	" " " " " " " " " " " "	3.200	✓
456	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2.000	✓
457	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1.000	✓
458	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2.000	✓
459	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1.000	✓
460	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5.000	✓
500	Nov 17	" " " " " " " " " " " "	100.000	✓
527	Dec 20	" " " " " " " " " " " "	250.000	✓
533	" 21	" " " " " " " " " " " "	6.000	✓
542	" 22	" " " " " " " " " " " "	200.000	✓
545	" 30	" " " " " " " " " " " "	200.000	✓

After 18 Jan'y 1854

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Treasury of the U.S. States
January 18th 1854.

David Sturgens Esq.
Treas of the Mint, Philad.

Sir,

I enclose a list of Transfer
drafts on the Mint in favor of sundries, all of which
are, I presume, now in your possession.

All except Nos. 452, 453, 454, & 455, appear to have
been charged in the statement rendered of your Bullion Ac.
The three first, for \$20,000 each, are known to have been
paid, on the receipt of Mr. Holmes mls, and the last for \$1,000
is presumed to have been paid, in the last quarter, and
they should have been included as charges in the
a/c rendered. I will thank you to return all the drafts
and to make a supplemental statement of Bullion Ac. to
Dec. last, showing the additional charges.

Transfer drafts are entered specifically, ^{by number} on our
books, and they should be so entered on returns,
showing either their receipt or payment.

Very respectfully

Wm. Casey
Secy.

Wm. Casey
Secy.

New York, Jan^y. 18th 1854

Dear Sir.

I received yesterday your letter of the 16th inst. As I have from my first interview with you & the other gentlemen of the Mint, been fully convinced that ^{you} are far better able than I am to select a suitable person for my assistant, I will adopt your suggestion in regard to Mr. Mason.

Mr. Weyand had made a very favorable impression upon me, & I would have been much pleased had he been appointed, but

the reasons you give for substituting Mr. Mason name for Mr. W's are satisfactory, & I agree to his nomination. If Mr. W's could be satisfied it is all I ask of I hope his increased pay will, in consideration of his disappointment.

Hoping soon to see you & wishing you to have Mr. Mason's appointment confirmed as soon as you think expedient,

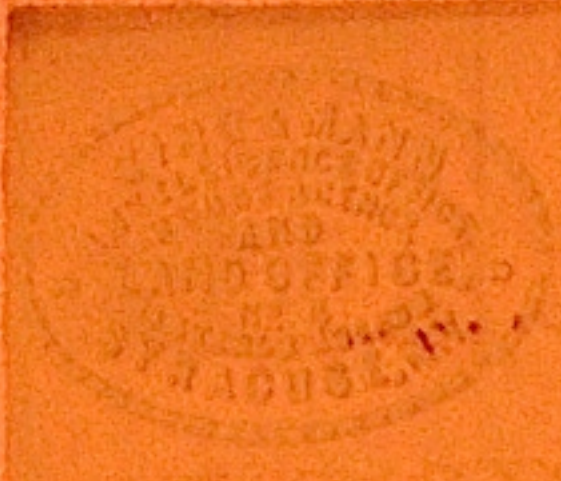
I remain

Dear Sir

Yours truly

J. A. Snowden Esq.
Philadelphia.

Wm. T. L. S.



New York June 4th 1854

Gents

I have a small amount of Gold bearing Earth which I wish to convert into currency, will you be kind as to inform me, what course to pursue to obtain that and what the expense will be

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Yours respectfully

D. P. Manner

\$54.08

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26. I intend to resign toward the 1st. of May
to return to the land to live. Mr. Davis suggests
Mr. Taylor was sent to prepare to pay out
the money as assistant to Mr. Bell and to Mr. Bell
and to place on the pay roll of the Agency and to
be a clerk (also of a station) and to be in command of
the station as a current work place.

Prunella vulgaris

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Dec. 10 January

Prescribed by

Office of the Secretary
Dec. 1. 1853

In conformity with the order
passed Dec. 1. 1853, I have the honor
to forward to you a statement
of the expenditures of the Office for the
month ending Dec. 31. 1853.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Expenses of the 4th quarter | \$100.00 |
| Salaries of Clerks | 30.00 |
| Expenses of the Office | 20.00 |
| Salaries of Clerks | 50.00 |

Yours respectfully,
J. J. Smith

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

James K. Smith
Clerk

Wm. A. Smith
Secretary of the
Church

Philad^a 17th Jan. 1854,

Dear Sir,

I have carefully noted the remarks of the Sec. of the Treasury in relation to the Cent Coinage in his letter of 16th Inst.

The pieces forwarded to him were not designed to exhibit the form, size or device of a new cent coin, but merely to show how clear an impression the alloy would receive in coinage, & to exhibit the color & other properties of the metal.

The circular form of coin is determined by usage, by convenience in manufacture & in use, and by resisting wear and tear better than any other form. The new cent coin may have one of two dimensions. It may be made of a diameter intermediate between the dime & half dime, & about twice the thickness of the dime, which would be more convenient in handling; - or it may be made intermediate between the dime & quarter dollar in diameter & a little thicker than the dime. Either of these forms, but I think the former more especially, would prevent its being mistaken for any of our silver coin, add to this the peculiar unctious feeling of the alloy and the dulness in ring, as distinguished from silver, and I think there is less danger of confounding the new cent coin with silver, than there is at present of confounding the dime & quarter eagle, or the half

silver & gold dollar.

In my communication of 10th of the 24th Oct last, I think I have fully answered the objection that there is danger of counterfeiting, even when the government issues a seignorage on the coin, altho the Govt put a seignorage of from 33 1/3 to 40 per cent. on the copper cents through a long series of years. Yet there was little danger of their being counterfeited; because, unless an enormous amount of spurious coin could be thrown into circulation, the profits would be too small to tempt the manufacturer, especially when exposed to the hazard of detection, or rather to certain detection, from a large issue.

If, however, the Govt does not wish to gain a seignorage, there is no difficulty in giving such a form & size to the new coin, as shall make it intrinsically worth the 100 of the dollar, after coinage; & even then, its weight would be but little more than 5 of the copper cent. The heavier pieces lately forwarded are intrinsically worth about 5/6 of a cent, so that with a 20 per. cent. seignorage on them, they would be fully worth 100 of a dollar.

Permit me to draw your attention to the importance of seignorage as applied to the cent. Copper varies in price in the market; and if we had not had a seignorage, we should have been without a cent issue for a year past - beside which, nearly all the cents in

circulation would have been bought up for old copper. I think it therefore a matter of grave consideration whether we should abandon the practice of seignorage, & a considerable one, too, in the cent issue. Gold and silver present trifling fluctuations through long periods of time, but copper often rises 10 & 20 per cent above its ordinary value. It appears to me that the seignorage should equal this rising fluctuation; & we have wisely adopted the principle in the silver coin, relatively to the nominal dollar. The same remarks will apply to the proposed new cent coin.

Copper has been used from time immemorial for coin of the lowest value, but this should not be an objection to a new coin, if the latter be found to possess advantages over the copper. Besides both in ancient & modern times, bronze (copper & tin) & brass have been employed at times for copper, & the reason they have not become a more general coin is that they are too nearly of the same value as a copper coin of the same dimensions.

Respectfully Yours

To L. R. Snowden Esq
Director
U. S. Mint

J. C. Booth
U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan. 17, 1864

W.

I have some favor of yesterday, viz the
provisions to coin cent from German silver issued
from Prof. Booth, & requested him to present the
kind in answer to your letter, which he accordingly
did - a copy of which I now enclose.

I may state that the present value of
the metals contained in the cent piece forwarded
to you are as he states about $\frac{1}{10}$ of a cent, but the
value of the metals used is so variable as to
present a serious objection to the proposed coinage.

Besides, it is an objection to ^{the} proposed compound
that it seems to bear a resemblance to silver - on a
large amount and loss may occur from confounding
the two kinds of coin. One present coin etc etc
present any such difficulties. I may add that
there are many varieties of German silver - of
variable and uncertain proportions. For these and
other reasons which I might present, I do not feel
inclined to recommend the new coin; but as I
wished Prof. Booth's views to be fully and fairly
presented to you, I forwarded his former letter to me
on this subject, as I received the one enclosed,
and I am in accordance with these views in

whichever Conclusion you come to on this subject
I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your faithful servant
Samuel R. Anderson
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a? Jan. 17, 1854.

Sir,

As requested in your favor of the 12th
inst. I caused, on Friday last (13th inst), the sums
stated to be forwarded to the depositaries named,
viz to Pittsburg \$30,000, to Richmond \$40,000
and to Norfolk \$20,000 - in silver coins of
different denominations.

We have on hand about a
million and a quarter of silver coins, and
are therefore fully prepared to send out amounts
to such points as you may indicate.

In order to determine the quantity
of the last year and to arrange the accounts
of the operations officers, it will be necessary for
us to suspend operations for 10 or 15 days
especially that part of our work connected
with the refining of gold and preparing the
ingots for coinage. In fact we have for some
days past suspended refining. It will be
necessary to take down the furnaces and gather
all the batches of silver & gold from thence
as well as from the enclosures and other amounts.
Besides it is necessary that the steam boilers
should be cleaned. We have been performing
double work, that is day & night - day &
night last, and the machinery requires some adjustment.

Whatever business and how it can be done, the
bulk of coins be pushed forward as
usual, but it may be necessary in order
to keep up our system of prompt pay-
ments of deposits to be supplied in the
of 6 or 8 or 10 in coin. If a considerable
portion of the silver coin is hoarded,
could be exchanged for gold, this ^{event} ~~would~~
not be necessary.

Towards the close of the ^{next} ~~week~~
week I will write you again on this
subject and suggest the amount necessary
to be supplied.

Mr. Colman called at the Mint
to-day on his way to Boston. On his
return, we will exchange with him, and
supply him with whatever kind of
coin he may desire.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James B. Thompson
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

My dear Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that
you have been so long in the
hospital, and as the disease
is not confined to the
lungs, but is in the
system.

It is very important
that you should have a
change, and as the climate
is not so good here, it is not
advisable that you should
remain here, but it is
advisable that you should
have a change of air, and
that you should have a
change of air, and that you
should have a change of air.

I am, Sir, very
truly, your
obedient servant,
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Mint of the
Philad & Co

To the Chief Coiner of the Mint,
Deliver to the Treasurer Two Million
Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred
Sixty Two ounces ~~two~~ of Standard Silver in
debt him with Two Millions Nine Hundred and
four Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars
value thereof at 412 1/2 grains to the dollar,

J. J. Cusack
and Son
N.Y.

London Aug 17. 1854

D. Stanger Esq

Treas.

Dear Sir. we have
recd. 4 mrs returned from the
the 14th inst. with draft of
\$852²⁸ on New York, as told.

We have some platelets
ready for printing, & shall
forward a part of them by
Express immediately -

Yours Very Respectfully

Charles B. D. Esq.

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Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
January 16th. 1854

Sir

Your Ordinary Expenses & Copper Corners Accounts
for the 4th Qr 1853 are received

Very Respectfully
Yours to the Service

T. L. Smith
Auditor

Wm. D. Stinson
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Miss M. L. S. S. S.

Phil. 9. Jan. 16. 1854

My dear Sir,

I had hoped to have the pleasure of a visit from you last week. In anticipation of a visit I present a suggestion upon the subject of naming a suitable person for your appointment.

When the name of Mr. Morgan was suggested to me in that place, Mr. Mason who holds a junior place in the assay office here was under nomination for the San Francisco Mint as Assayer, and I supposed he would in all probability be appointed. It was however judged by the administration at Washington proper to select a gentleman from California. So that Mr. M. continues with us and his expectations have been disappointed. Next to Mr. M. Mr. Morgan was the most available

persons we had to offer.

Under all the circumstances, it has occurred to me to propose the substitution of Mr. Thason for Mr. Wainland. I have conferred with Messrs. Eckfeldt & Durbins on the subject and while they as well as myself regret the disappointment that will be felt, they make no objection to the change, and indeed they ~~could~~ consider it an all the more advantageous to yourself.

While the two young men may be considered to be ~~equally~~ equally qualified in respect to acquaintance with the business (most of them being in all respects fully qualified) it is certain that Mr. Thason has more business tact, is more self-relying and his work has generally been more content in its results.

He has also the advantage of a few years in age, Mr. Wainland being in his 23rd year and Mr. Thason in his 26th.

The disappointment in the case of Mr. W. will be much relieved, perhaps quite removed by his taking the place of Mr. Thason here.

Hoping to hear from you, or to see you soon,

I am, with respects
yours truly

Samuel R. B. Mendenhall
Director

Dr. John Torrey

What is the result?
Answer: see p. 100

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Minist of the United States
Phil. Jan 20th 1834

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the
18th inst. I have written to the Secy of
the Treasury naming Mr Anderson Mason
as your Assistant and State that it
is done with your approbation.

In my letter to Mr Guthrie
I suggested that Mr M^s connexion with
the new York office need not take
effect until that office is ready
to commence operations, and that
in the meantime as his services
here are important and valuable,
he could continue to be employed in
the assay department of the mint
at his usual per diem compensation.

Hoping to have the pleasure
of seeing you soon
I am &c

Dr J. Torrey
A York

J. R. A.

Treasury Department
January 16, 1853

vi. What is the value of the metals,
viz German Silver &c, contained in the one
cent pieces, specimens of which were sent to
the Department. If the metal contained
in each piece is of so much less value as to
cover the expenses of coinage or if a less valuable
metal can be substituted for the cent pieces,
the same would be counterfeited. The cent
pieces have the objection that they are too
much like the 10 cents of the silver coinage.

If the metal in the cent pieces for-
warded are so near the value of the cent, as not
to give profit after paying for the coinage and
no other metal can be substituted for it, and
the cent ^{piece} can be reduced in thickness and
enlarged in circumference so as not to be
mistaken for the silver 10 cents, it may
answer.

I would be pleased to have a
report upon these points and a new specimen

of an enlarged piece, with any other suggestion
you may have to make.

I am, Very Respectfully,

James M. May
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Phil^a Jan. 17. 1862

Dear Sir,

I am preparing my annual
report to the President of the U. S. F. B. B.
I am to speak of the claims for the
officers and men who have been
killed or disabled in the service
of the United States and also of the
claims for the families of the deceased
officers and men.

I am to report upon the
claims for the families of the deceased
officers and men.

I am, with great respect,
your friend & servant,

Samuel R. Knapp
Director

Capt. Geo. W. Collins
Capt. W. D. Storrs
at New York

Coinage of the Mint and Branch Mints from their organization to the close of the year 1883.
Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Gold coinage

Silver Coinage

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Montreal 2^d Jan 1852

Dear Sir

Contract me hands you
will. You will oblige me
greatly by having a check for
the amt so that I can get
it when I call for the Mount
bills next Monday.

We do not like to trouble
you but really the prices are
are getting from the mint for
American Gold in Silver Gold.

In the Spring when we make
the Contract we expected to have
been able to buy at the same
price we had purchased at
the year before. We had to
pay \$2.50 for ten instead of 18⁰⁰
again & deliver it 115% more
besides the waste.

We are and have been losing

from 15° to 20° per ton in
every ton we delivered the
month this year.

We have ascertained and we
are sure have del^d better Coal
and in better order than ever
we delivered to the West before.
The engines and furnaces can
consume any amount.

Can we not get some little
attention to what Coal we have
and with deliver what our Contract
is for. About 15?

We intend putting in proposals
for next year at just 15 per ton.
We can not do it at less and
save ourselves.

We trust you will give it
your favorable consideration.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. M. Ward

W. G. H. Eckert, 25. Water St.
Punnett, Ill. S. M.

Private

Office of Mr. Wright & Associates
Washington Jan. 13. 1852

Dear Sir

I have before me a copy of this newspaper to reply
in answer to your letter of December 22nd, in relation to the
rights of man, & to the question in connection with my views as
to the system of the United States in the way you suggest. I have
been engaged in preparing a paper showing how far the understand-
ing of the government have been successful in establishing a general
uniformity of rights & measures in the country under the system
proposed by Mr. Adams, & by Mr. Taylor. Any particular knowledge
away from this system will only create the same confusion.
The power which in this & other countries is opening towards
a general uniformity is which the civilized nations that
have met since 1848 have all agreed. In my report on
rights of man in I supposed a few more lines had come
to me this morning but the late arrival of the mail in Europe
subsequent to that time has made it impossible to pursue the subject.
Now for the reasons of the great difficulties to which I have
referred on some I do not now intend to discuss, but the
country has organized through the power of government, the entire
legislation, & through the power of the State legislatures, and I

Should doubt the advisability of changing the system until
the larger fractional currency can be issued, when the
small system will come in with the new standards.
I see no objection to agitating the subject by discussion &
have been one of a Committee of the American Experiment for
the Advancement of Finance, on the subject, & one which has
succeeded in a series of meetings have from some change
the direction of finance.

Yours respectfully

James R. Snowden Esq.

A. D. Washburn

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Treasury Department
Jan 13 1855.

Sir

Mr. Colmesnat will be at
Philad^a in the course of a day or two with
funds for the Treasury U.S.

As they will be, probably, in large Gold
Coins and the Treasury it desires to have some
of a smaller denomination, with some silver, I will
thank you to exchange such portions as may be
necessary for the accommodation of the Treasury.

I am very Resp^t

James Guthrie
Sec Treasury

J. Rees Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
Jan 12. 1854

Sir

I will thank you to cause
the following amounts to be sent in silver
to the Depositories designated.

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| To the Depository at | Pittsburg | \$ 30,000. |
| " " " | Richmond | 20,000 |
| " " " | Norfolk | 20,000 |
| | | <u>\$ 70,000</u> |

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.

J. Robt Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint.

Coin sent by Adams, to the Depositories
Addressed Am. 19/12/54

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30 + 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ p 32
40 40 $\frac{1}{4}$
10 10 $\frac{1}{10}$

Treasury Department
Jan: 12. 1857.

Sir

I have received your communication dated the 4th instant enclosing a copy of a letter which you propose to address to certain die-sinkers in this Country - In reply I have to remark that the failure of the recent effort to improve the devices of the coins, makes, in the opinion of the Department, the prospects of success in the proposed one so slender as to render it inexpedient to incur the expense likely to be caused. I would suggest, therefore, that, for the present at least, attention should be confined to the improvement of the dies and the Mechanical execution of the Coins.

I am very Resp^t
Yours to the
Sec of the Treasury.

J. P. Bowden Esq
Director of the Mint.

Recd. Jan 13 - 1854 - 5 Adams & Co's cents for
Rochester City Bank, ^{sent by mail} 4.7.11.
Rochester, Jan 11 1854.

Treasurer of Esq. Cashier,
W. S. Went (Miles) Sir.

I have received, with

enclosure, your favor of the

Yours Respectfully,

Wm. H. Rochester Pres.

I enclose two dfts on Am Ex Bk New York
One No. 4359. Signed B. F. Young Cas for \$1000.-
One No. 4360 " " " " 500.

For which, please forward us by Express.
New Silver Change in halves, quarters & dimes.
I send it in two dfts. least you may not be
able to spare the whole amount, in which
case, you can return one of them -
We should be glad to have you send us
as a part of it, \$100 or \$200. in cents if you
have them in \$50 Regs -

✓ 300 1/2 \$
✓ 500 1/4 \$
✓ 400 1/4 \$
✓ 100 1/4 \$
1300
200 etc
1500

\$1.300

Attended to by Mr Harrison

Albany 11th Jan'y 1854

Col. James T. Snowden Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir,

I have sent by Express this day, directed
to "U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa." One Bag contain-
ing U. S. Gold \$990. One California Piece \$10. in
all \$1000 - for which please send to un-
designed new Silver Coin with as little
delay as possible,

Half dollars \$200 -

Quarter " 500 -

Dimes " 200 \$1000.

Up disct on \$10. California Piece

Respectfully

Yours At. Serv.

E. Dutton

Express Charges p. to Philadelphia

No 4974 - m. sent by
June 16 1854

Wm. L. G. 11/54

Wm. L. G.

Your favor of 7th inst is
received & contents noticed
I can get Adams & Co's rept.
discounted at our banks
here for the face of the rept.
but want all it is worth
at the mint

Will You do me
the favor to advise one
of the amt. the rept. will
be worth when coined &
how soon it will be ready
for payment. & Oligo

Yours Respectfully,
Jeremiah S. Sargent

Treasurer

U. S. Mint
Phil.

See letter of Feb 17

San Jose County Bank
San Jose, Aug 9. 1854

Daniel Morgan Esq. Dear Sir

In the favor of the 14th
instant is enclosed herewith my check on
A. B. for \$1400 for which please send by the American
Express Company if it does business between
your city and New York, and if it does not by
Adam the Express to be delivered to American
Express Co. at New York \$500 in Quarters \$800
in Sixes \$100 in Half Sixes and the remainder
in One Cent pieces. I trouble you with this because
I am not positive that the American Express Co.
have an office in your city

Respectfully

Edward G.

Recd 13 Jan

and 14 Jan 1884

My dear Mr. [unclear]

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you for your inspection a small sample of what our chemists have called Gold. It has been tested, but I get some doubts about it, as it is on my principles I send you a small quantity in the sand and clay, which has been washed also a small quantity of the scaly that is found in many the gravel, these have been hot in a crucible and when hot they congeal to rather when separate they sink in acid instantly, the stone is with in a few rods of the Muskingum River, at the point of a Hill at the side of a bottom and in such a situation as Gold is said to be found, I hope to test it and send me your opinion of it whether it is favourable or not, if it is not Gold I should be glad to know what it is and please to receive your charge for your trouble and I will forward it to you, please to write soon and you will much oblige yours.

James Sheldon

My dear Mr. [unclear]
Ohio

New York Jan^y. 6th. 1854

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 2nd Dec^r was
only received & I expected to reply
to it in person tomorrow; but I
am labouring under a severe cold
& sore throat, so that I am obli-
ged to keep within doors & take
plague. I had arranged with
Dr. Cobb (whom I consulted with yes-
terday) to accompany him to Phil-
adelphia - but now I must defer
my visit till next week.

When we conversed about my ap-
pointment some time ago, you & Mr.
Eckfeldt proposed Mr. Wiegand as a
suitable person, & I fully agreed

with you. It was thought, however,
that it would not be well to pay
him at first, so large a salary as
\$1800. This is the sum allowed by
the Secretary of the Treasury. Will
it be necessary, in case Mr. Wier
is appointed, to give him full salary
the first year or two. If not, how
in the matter to be arranged? I
hope no other person will be
selected. I have taken a strong
liking to him. If it be not
necessary to act in this business
before I see you next week, I
will then be ready to join you in
any application that may be
thought best for the interests of
all concerned. With great respect
Yours, John Torrey

Write to him that he is to defer
action until he comes to
Phila

Unit of the United States
Dist. Ct. Apr. 9, 1857.

I enclose the official bond of Dr.
Julius A. Cobb as Justice and Referee of the
May, Office at New York, with my approval.
I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,
Charles R. Roper, Clerk
Director.

Rev. James L. Smith
via Mr. Deane
Washington City.

Jan 184 Received of James R. Smith
Director of the Mint, the sum of \$50, as a com-
pensation for the designs furnished by me for the
new silver coinage.

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a Jan. 7. 1854.

Sir,

I have now favor of the 5th inst. in which
you express of my action in regard to the designs
offered for the Great Coinage, and authorize me
to adopt the measures proposed by me to endeavor
to effect the object we have in view.

I now enclose the form of a letter
which I propose, with your sanction, to send
to persons or firms of the best dis-similarity in the
country - such as Mr. C. C. Wright of New
York, Mr. H. H. Mitchell of Boston, & Mrs.
Edwards Stabler of Sandy Spring, Maryland
also to Mr. E. Stewart of Philad^a, whose name
was presented to you some time since. If any
other names occur to you they can be included,
but as we propose to pay for their services, it may
be well to have the offer made to as few as possible.

When we hear from the gentlemen as
suggested in the 2nd item of the proposed letter, we
will be able to know what the preliminary ex-
pense will be. I learn however that the probable
charge will be \$400. each; if therefore there
should be five competitors, we have an expense
of \$2,000. and in case one should be appointed
the addition of \$300. as a premium; to which may

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan. 27, 1834.

Sir:

In pursuance of an act of Congress passed March 3, 1833, in respect to new devices for the Silver Coinage of the United States, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, I have determined to invite the competition of a few engravers or die-makers of established reputation, resident in our own Country. I therefore take the liberty to inquire, whether you will undertake to execute a pair of original dies, of the half dollar diameter, upon the following terms:

1. There is no restriction or prescription as to devices; they are left entirely to your own judgment and taste, but if you prefer to submit a tracing with your written views and explanations, previous to cutting the dies, a candid criticism will be given from the Mint.

2. You are to name your price for cutting the dies, and an agreement on that point is to be made before that work is commenced. But as a premium is to be superadded for the specimen which may be approved, it is expected that the first price shall be more moderate.

3. In addition to the price agreed upon, there will be awarded a premium of three hundred dollars for the pair of dies which the Secretary of the Treasury, in concurrence with the Director of the Mint, shall adopt for use.

4. All the devices and dies are to become the property of the Mint.

5. The requirements of our Coining department, as to the

relief, and other points of importance in practical operations
will be furnished in writing and are to be carefully observed.

6. Lastly, the dies are to be furnished within four
months of the agreement as to price.

You will please to state whether, if your dies should
be adopted, you would be disposed to furnish hubs from them
subsequently, and at what price, and in what space of time.

I am, respectfully,

Yours, &c. Prof. H. D. ...

Treasury Department
Jan 9. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd instant
nominating M^r. John H. Taylor for Assistant Master
Mint at the Mint was duly received.

The nomination has been approved by the
President the salary to be \$1500 per annum, and
a bond to be given in the sum of \$5000 as
suggested.

I am very Resp,
Jas. Guthrie
Sec. Treasury.

Jas. H. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

be added \$400. for wearing the hubs. The
proposition therefore involves the probable expense
of \$2,700.00

If the experiment results in a
decided improvement of our Coinage, the
money will be well expended, and if on
the contrary the dies appear to have not been
improved the effort will show our anxiety to
improve the Coinage if possible, and we will
be relieved from any remarks of semiproc or
that subject.

It is proper to observe that if we
procure one set of hubs for the half-dollar
as proposed, we can by the system in use at
the Mint make as many working dies as
may be required and the same may be
used for as many years as may be desirable.
Also, we can from the same hubs prepare
dies for the smaller coins. The expense that
we proposed need not again be incurred
unless in after years it should be considered
that the state of the arts in this particular
warrants a renewed competition.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Yours faithfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Mint of the United States
Philad^a Jan 5, 1854.

Dear Sir,

Having by my circular of the 26th of July last invited Artists, Engravers, and other persons of taste to forward me designs for the new Silver Coinage, and having stated that an impartial examination would be made of such designs as might be forwarded for that purpose, and that for those three which should appear best fitted to the object in view a competent and liberal remuneration would be made, I have now to state that although ~~among~~ the designs presented are well adapted to the object in view, I have considered that the one presented by you has sufficient merit to be embraced in the three to whom I would award compensation. I have therefore to request your acceptance of the sum of \$50, the amount which I have named.

Very Respectfully

Director

Mount of the Mount + etc.
Pittsboro, N. H., 1878.

Dear Sir,

I am in the receipt of yours of the 14th inst. In reply I have to say that although I have no connection with the Trustees of the Museum, and generally decline attending to any business belonging to it, I take great pleasure in making an exception in your case (you being an old friend) & have forwarded from the Treasurer's Office the amount the Museum is indebted to you.

I am very respectfully

Samuel R. Mendenhall
Director

Hon. John Bennett
Pittsboro, N. H.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia? Jan. 5, 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a statement of the operations of
the Mint for the month of December last.

It will be seen that the pieces struck at this
Mint have reached the unprecedented number of
eleven millions four hundred and forty one thousand
eight hundred and eighty seven (11,441,887).
I believe that no Mint in the world has coined
that number of pieces in the same length of time.

I have commenced the preparation of my
annual report, but I will be delayed in its
completion until I receive reports from
all the Branch Mints. I will present it to
the President towards the close of the month.
I would be glad if you would furnish
me with a statement showing the cost of
the transportation of silver during the past
year and with the new law relating to the
silver coinage now in operation. I may
have occasion to use such a statement in
explaining the profits of the silver coinage.
I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,
Wm. Adams Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

With great respect
and faithfulness,
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Laurens July 5. 1854.

D. Hungen Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

We have recd.
Your favor of the 31st. Ult. this day.
with draft on New York for \$5,484 ¹⁴/₁₀₀.
being in full payment of our two
bills of exchange Nov. 2. (No 30) & Dec 14. (No 31)
as per your statement -

Yours
Very Respectfully.

Crocker Nov. 2. 1854

Minist of the United States

Chilad: 12 June 1884.

Sir,

In reply to your queries, I have to state that the law as it formerly stood, relative to the receipt and payment for silver bullion, deposited for dollars, has not been changed or modified, except so far that the charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for coinage is applicable to that coin as well as to gold. We receive the bullion, ascertain its standard weight by assay, and pay out the value thereof, after deductions, at the rate of $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains of standard silver to the dollar. You perceive, therefore, that if, by new coin dollars, are meant dollars conforming in relative weight, to the half-dollars authorized by late laws, you cannot be accommodated, since such dollars have not been legalized.

A return for a deposit of foreign coin or bullion, for dollars, could be made in about 10 days.

I must confess myself at a loss to understand why such a coin is demanded at the present time. The dollar being no longer a coin of circulation is estimated only as bullion, and what qualities it possesses in the United States to justify a payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent by you I cannot perceive.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. Servt.

J. S. Wyckoff Esq.
Present.

Samuel Ropesenden
Director.

Two Separate Submissions.

How soon if we send \$25,000. in 5 francs,
will the Mint coin for us New born Dollars
and credit us as usual in the silver

Or will the Mint take the 5 francs and coin
for us Dollars of former weight as formerly.

For Beebe &
J. H. Pettit

$$\begin{array}{r} 854 \\ 4270 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 119. \\ 2380 \\ 340 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2422 \\ 12610 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4530.83 \\ 1.46 \\ 4542.29 \end{array}$$

Willsbarn Jan 4 1854

Col Snowden

Dear Sir

may I trouble you
to enclose to me by mail a few Pension
Blanks, for Pensioners for the war of 1812
and also for the Mexican war, together with
a few Blanks for Widows.

I am very truly yours

Jiba V Bennett

that the old Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage, Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage, Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage should all be merged into a new yo to be styled Deposit yo. In Note "B" of the notes furnished us on our yo of the 3rd yo 5th which were subsequently received, you indicated the manner in which the summary statements should be made up, with reference to these deposited bars. The order to reconcile the results obtained by the two systems of yo, we sent back, and indicated those of the 3rd & 5th yo of 1891, and also similar with the new forms, April brought the balances down to the 1st yo. As some particulars, for reasons which will appear, we departed somewhat from the suggestion contained in Note "B" with reference to the manner of stating the operations in these deposited bars. This departure was based upon the supposition, that if not actually necessary, it was at least highly desirable that our balances, and indeed all of our entries, should correspond with the state of facts actually existing at the time, and that an exact history of our actual transactions of the state of facts, should be preserved here, and that the books of the Mint, would, on a legal point of view, furnish the evidence of these transactions. In thus stating our yo, it was never designed to question your superior experience in making up these accounts, and their consequent greater accuracy, or point of what should have been the results of our operations, we merely undertook to state what had been actually done. Thus, hoping that your greater familiarity with such operations, and your proximity to the department, would enable you to reconcile these discrepancies with but comparatively little trouble, & being once furnished with accurate results down to the close of '95 we sent them, and make our subsequent operations conform to their results, with but little trouble. But to return. The statement then yo according to the form indicated in Note "B" it was found that the stamped value of bars had never appeared in Cash yo, but their net value only. The difference, which was made up of the cash received in bars, the amt. realized from the Coinage of chips & yo, having been kept apart as a distinct fund, & had been transferred to ordinary current having been passed into the Bullion fund at all. This was undoubtedly both informal & improper, but will account for the noted differences between us, in our statements of gold Coinage, and thus also, the discrepancies in the date transfer of the ordinary yo, as appear per Credit to Gold Coinage and

and debit to Debit yo. The transfer for instance of the 14th yo 3rd yo consists of \$33,324.44 Cash actually received on bars on the 3rd yo (and not an amount which was \$33,362.92) as indicated in the amt of First Warrants "1895 & 96" number of which was deposited into the Bullion fund, & \$4,484.61 taken from that fund, for paper. The transfer of the 1st yo of \$15,000.00 was taken actually from the Bullion fund. The transfer in the 1st yo of \$15,000.00 was taken from this fund, but the one of \$5,996.72 was taken from the Bullion fund, and \$4,099.13 Cash was received on bars. These transactions had all taken place before we received your instructions, as to what disposition should be made of the Chest yo, and as at that time the 1st & 2nd yo for these yo would have been the same, would therefore not have affected the Balance, the entries were made in the 2nd & 3rd yo. Concerning the subject, but in stating our yo of the 1st yo we attempted to remedy this informality as far as possible, by bringing all such Cash means as had not passed into the Contingent fund into the Bullion fund. During year brought into Gold Coinage yo of \$13,000.00 due on bars of that yo, but which was not actually paid us, until the 1st yo 3rd yo, it will be necessary to add also, \$22.30 paid us at the same time, on yo of bars of 3rd yo 1st yo at close of that yo; the sum \$13,022.30 previously listed as part of the amt. \$13,394.05 being only the amt. actually received in the 3rd yo, of which \$13,000.00 was on yo of bars of the 3rd yo. With this addition the Cash yo will be as stated above. You will now comprehend why Gold Coinage has been listed separately, with the net value of Unpaid bars, the Cash yo on bars, instead of their stamped value. It will be remembered that the several amts. debited on yo of bars of the 3rd & 5th yo the \$4,484.61 has been listed as ordinary yo in the Bullion fund. Having for past a gold Coinage, made up for the net sum of \$10,255.25 & \$1,935.17 noted in the abstract of differences and surpluses, as is also in debits in your statements.

Notes on the 1st & 3rd yo 5th

The small differences noted in the note of Sunday yo stated by you, are attributable to little inaccuracies in computation, assumed in stating our yo, but are perhaps too unimportant to and cannot be further explained. The only discrepancy worthy of note, and that of Gold Coinage for 1st and 2nd yo

3,324.44
6,670.44
9,994.48

From the foregoing explanations, and the statements of difference,
on these two accounts sent herewith, you will readily understand how
these discrepancies originated, and are presenting our 1st Qu^{tr}
to the Auditor, you will of course know what explana-
tions to make, and if you will furnish us with the results that
you may obtain on this adjusting our 1st Qu^{tr} to the 1st Qu^{tr} of '54, and
will at the same time, send back to this office all of the "Bills"
(without exception) for '53, as requested in my letter of the 1st
inst., they will all be corrected at once & returned. From the difficulties
which you have already met with, it is known that they will not be
found sufficiently explicit, and it is highly desirable that they
should be all corrected at once, so that our 1st Qu^{tr} hereafter to
be made up, may conform thereto. It may be proper to add
an explanation of the \$1000 transferred to ordinary 1st Qu^{tr} fund
particularly referred to by you, that it was under your instructions
that the amount was transferred, to replace a similar amount
taken from the ordinary fund, on the 1st Qu^{tr} to purchase
Silver for the government, but it was never convenient for us to spare
the amt from Bullion fund, until the 1st Qu^{tr}. The note had
now been made of the matter by us, except to debit the interest
M^r & Co. It did not appear necessary to make any in the
Bullion 1st Qu^{tr}. Silver having been simply substituted for Gold.
With regards to the \$1531.32 noted as a deficit in your
debit to M^r & Co. Bull 1st Qu^{tr}. And which is comprised
of the 1st Qu^{tr} small Silver Change sent us, and the gain
arising from the Coinage of the same Silver, and from
the Custom House \$1531.32. I have former letters upon these
subjects, will fully explain, how they found their way into
our gold Coinage 1st Qu^{tr}. The only discrepancies worthy of
note are our statements of Profit & Loss, or rather, as it has
not already been associated, is your report of Credit on our
part of \$15.55 by reason of our having taken the difference
only, between the amt charged for smelting bars, and the amt
actually realized from Cash acct & Coinage of Chips; and an excess
on your part, of \$16.90 or 7c of gain on end of the 1st Qu^{tr}
where we really should have debit of \$22.65. If by a
reference to the Abstract of Reported Cash furnished herewith, it
will be seen that this Credit was wrong, what you state as the
stamped value of our gold is \$16.90, is the actual value, and
not \$16.90, except the actual value is simply obtained by computing the
amt of stated as above, it is an error in calculation, and is not to be

have however Ist for their respective portions of the charges on their deposits, and require no further entry. It is done at once according to the old Gold Bullion with any left on their deposits. The balance to their $\frac{1}{2}$ at the close of the yr in the Capitalist's list, is simply the difference in standard value of the deposit before & after clipping, or is where in the subsequent years the grains & chips are deposited, melted & re-payed, the standard discharged & the old balance, & again Ist again for the actual standard value of their deposits, be they little or much, and thus they adjust themselves. All it would seem that it is material for us to observe, is, whether they are really made what we have taken them for, & passed them to the Credit of P^t Ist, & that consequently, that it is only in that $\frac{1}{2}$, that any loss or gain should be noted.

The Ledger Abstract of Gold Bullion, should agree with the Gold Bullion Summary, as regards Treasury balance. The difference seems to be, that in making up the former Abstract (which being in the narrative style was made from the journal) the Standard value of the deposits for a year was credited, instead of the Standard value of the loss, which should not have been done. This difference (which for 1840 was \$5,159.61) should be deducted from the Credit by Gold Mining & added to the Balance, which will make it correspond with the summary statement.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia. Jan. 3. 1834.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 31st ult. giving you
sanction to the appointment of an Assistant
Melter and Refiner at the Mint.

I have nominated, for that office Mr.
John H. Taylor, and have the honor to
request, through you, the approbation of
the President to his appointment, as provided
by the 3rd Sect. of the act of Jan. 18th 1834,
entitled "an act supplementary to the act entitled
an act establishing a Mint, &c."

Should that nomination receive his
sanction, I propose, with his approbation,
that the Assistant Melter & Refiner should receive
an annual salary of \$1500. In the law
on this subject I beg to refer to the 7th section
of the act above cited. And with your
approbation I suggest that he give bond
with approved security in the sum of \$5000.00
for the faithful discharge of his official
duties, as required by the 6th Sect. of the
same act.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
H. W. Claiborne

(with great respect)
J. H. Taylor
Assistant Melter & Refiner
Director.

U.S. Mint
Office of Melt & Refiner

Jan. 2. 1864.

Dear Sir

The last arrival of gold will be passed through granulating tomorrow, & cannot be refined & melted as fine gold before the beginning or middle of next week, say by the 10th. After finishing Refining gold, the silver from the Refinery must be melted & assayed & as it amounts to about \$300,000 or ten tons of metal, it will be impossible to get up this part of the account before the 17th to 20th Jan.

After these operations are finished, the furnaces must all be taken down, every brick carefully cleaned, & all the residues worked for gold & silver, until they cease to yield, after which they are collected together, dried, weighed & assayed. Without this last operation it is impossible to determine the "Wastage acct." nor can we make a nearer estimate than from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for gold & from 0 to \$10,000 for silver. These numbers are merely conjectural.

J.P. Snowden, Esq.
Director
U.S. Mint

Respectfully yours
J.B. Booth

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. Jan. 2. 1854.

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 30th ult. I enclose a copy of the letter of the 31st March last from Dr. Eckert, former Director on the subject of the rate of charges to depositors for making fine gold bars. No change has since been made on this subject, nor as to the charge of 5 cents per ounce for refining.

These charges for refining, and making gold bars are introduced to cover the actual cost of the operations required. They are as near as can be an approximation to the actual cost as possible. But these charges have nothing to do with the other operations of the Mint; such as the preparation and making of standards ingots of gold and silver; the rolling, cutting, cleaning, adjusting, milling, and the striking of the coins. As these expenses are paid by the government they are omitted in the estimates presented. The profits on the coinage of gold, silver and copper are not applied to the expenses of the Mint. They are required, by the act of March 4. 1853 to be paid into the Treasury of the United States. I may state that these profits cannot be spent by

determined until the accounts of the past
year are arranged and the wastage in the
milling and Refining department is ascertained.
These accounts are being brought up as rapidly
as possible and I have directed that the
wastage shall be ascertained with as little
delay as possible. On that last named subject
I enclose an extract from the Metallurgical
Refiner's Report to me.

The profits accruing to the government
and transferable were exactly ascertained
to the Treasury of the United States and
be, I should think, \$225,000 - at this
moment.

I have the honor to be
with great respects
Yours faithfully,
James R. Thompson

Director,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Recd Jan 1884
Am. M.

Chambersburg Jan 2/84

Treas. of the U. S. Mint

Phila^a

On the 14th
of December last I sent by Adams
Express a bag of silver containing
three hundred dollars in old American
coin. The bag was directed to the Mint
Phila^a with a paper inside ^{bag} for
D. O. Gehr Chambersburg Pa. I have
not received a ^{mint} certificate nor heard
of it since it was forwarded, will
you please advise me ~~whether~~ received
~~or not~~ rec^d. and forward certificate

Yours with respect
D. O. Gehr

Jan 1854. Received of Daniel Hingdon
Treasurer of the Mint \$80, as a compensation
for designs furnished by me for the new
Silver Coinage.

Recd from Dr
and so

Jan 1855

Daniel Morgan Esq Esq

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 28th

Ultimo is received. In my letter of the 14th Ultimo
I inquired if a ~~draft~~ draft on N.Y. would be taken
in payment for silver & change. If change could
be had without delay. If the expenses & charges on
specie sent to Bank was paid by the Mint. And if
what you were paying for old silver.

Respt Yours

L. J. Howard

Proc. of N. S. Mint

Please fill up
Bond for Bond & it will be endorsed
by Col. Thos. S. West & returned to us in
disposal or when we have accompanied
Mr. Hardy (the Bond), this morning

The Union
Aug 21 1834

Yours &c
A. S. Newman

Statement of Deposits & Coinage.
At the Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia during the month of Feb. 1854.

Gold Bullion Deposited.

From California, \$2,461,000
Other sources, 53,000
Total Gold Deposits, \$2,514,000

Silver Bullion Deposited

including Silver Purchases, \$1,166,000
Total Gold & Silver deposits, \$3,680,000

Coinage Executed.

Gold.

Double Eagles, Pieces 154,297. Value \$3,088,940.

Silver.

Half Dollars, Pieces 274,000. Value \$137,000

Quarters " " 1,240,000 " 310,000

Dimes, " 130,000 " 13,000

Total Pieces 1,644,000. Total Value \$460,000.

Copper.

Cents Pieces 122,217. Value \$1,222,17.

Recapitulation.

Gold Coinage Pieces 154,297 Value \$3,088,940

Silver " " 1,644,000 460,000

Copper " " 122,217 1,222,17

Total of Pieces, 1,920,514 Total Value \$5,547,162.17

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia Feb. 25th 1854.

D. I.

Minist of the United States
Philad^a Feb 25. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a statement of the deposits and
coinage at this Mint for the month of February, 1854.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
Samuel R. Smith
Director

Wm. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
(Washington City)

Unit United States.
Ohio: Feb. 28, 1854.

Sir,

By reason of the absence of the paying
Clerk, whose place was temporarily occupied
by another, the enclosed statement was not sent
you as late as usual.

I have the honor to say,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
Sam. R. H. H. H.
Secretary.

Wm. James Guthrie,
Secy. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint United States.

Philad. ? Dec. 23, 1854

Sir, I have your favor of the 25th inst. and the
Counterfeit Gold Coin enclosed. They will be taken care
of, and an entry made in the Register of Spurious
Coins in accordance with your instructions.
I have the honor to be
with great respect,

your faithful servant,
James Rogers
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

700.50
 150.00
 65.25
 3001.00
 284.75
 27.28
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 72.00
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 63.94
 276.25
 99.80
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 20.77
 6289.48

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 1200
 3450
 1695
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 628
 634
 628,168

6345
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 33,82

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia ^{February 27th} May 25th 1854

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to send you the extracts from the Records of the Society, of the meeting held February 27th 1854.

"The matter of a communication addressed by the Secretaries and Librarian to Col. S. Ross Snowden, Director of the United States Mint, containing inquiries and a request concerning the National Medals, coming up for discussion,

"Col. Snowden said it gave him much pleasure that this subject had been brought to the attention of the Society. National and public medals are important monuments of history, and their preservation is well worthy the attention of this Society, and others of similar character in the United States. Most of the gold and silver medals, either from reverse of fortune or from some other cause, find their way to the melting pot. It would be a higher compliment to the recipients of the honorable distinction in question, if Congress should authorize copies in bronze to be struck and presented to each Historical Society in the United States. Heretofore no legal provision has been made for the preservation of such copies,

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on the taking care of the dies from which the medals were struck. Fortunately, however, most of the dies heretofore made have been procured and preserved at the Mint of the United States. Some of them were procured with much difficulty.

"Col. Snowden's belief was that nearly sixty medals of a national and public character have been made, of which the dies of all but five or six are at the Mint in this city. A full set of copies in bronze would cost about one hundred and forty dollars. A small appropriation by Congress would supply each State in the Union with a set, and hereafter, when medals are voted, provision could be made for supplying copies to be distributed in the manner proposed.

"On motion it was

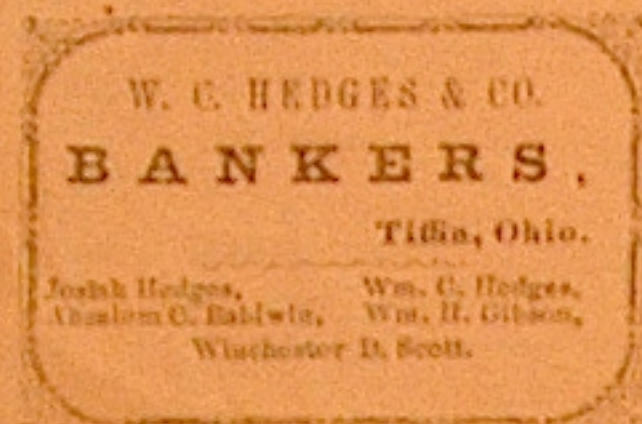
"Resolved, That Col. J. Ross Snowden be requested to correspond with the Secretary of the Treasury, or take such other measures as may seem to him advisable, to effect the objects developed in his remarks on the distribution of the National Medals."

Extracted from the Minutes

Thomas Bidale Jr.
Rec. Secy



Col. J. Ross Snowden Director of the U. S. Mint



Banking House, of W. C. Hedges & Co.,

Tiffin, O. February 27th 1854

Samuel Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Sir

Herewith please find 42
Small Pieces of California Gold weighing 40 ounces
for which please send us small silver coin - dimes,
1/2 dimes & 1/4 dollars - also a statement of the value
of the Gold. Should you not wish to send less than \$1000
on receipt of your statement we will remit balance -

Yours Truly
W. C. Hedges & Co

Recd Philad March 3rd 1854 J. R. Snowden Esq.
W. C. Hedges & Co. Tiffin Ohio
one Bag said to contain Seventy three 2 1/2 oz Gold
consign to W. C. Hedges Tiffin Ohio
\$73.90
Amazata Co
Pa. W. C. Hedges

Miner of the United States
March 9 March 8, 1864.

Misses H. C. Bridges & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have sent you to day by
the American Express Co. 3 packages in small silver boxes,
(Guaranteed boxes - very strong) being the proceeds of a small
parcel of California gold, received from you a
few days since. The value of the same was \$74.50,
from which 87 cents (the one half of one per cent) was
deducted for carriage.

I am very respectfully,

Samuel R. McCredden.
Director

P.S. The rule is, not to receive any deposits
under \$100.00 but as the return of the gold
must put you to inconvenience and expense
I have made your case an exception to
the rule.

J. R. V.

Mint of the United States

Philad^a. March 3. 1874.

Messrs H. C. Wadges & Co.

Gentl:

I have sent you to day by the
American Express Co. \$73.90 in small silver coins (Quarters,
Dimes, half Dimes) being the proceeds of a small parcel
of California Gold received from you a few days
since. The value of the same was \$74.27 from which
27 cents (the one half of one per cent) was deducted
was deducted for coinage.

Minist of the United States.
Philad^a July 26. 1854.

Sir,

For the reasons stated in my letter of the 27th of May last I think it proper that the following provision, on one of a similar character, should be introduced into the Civil and diplomatic appropriation bill.

That so much of the appropriation for the Salaries of officers and clerks, the wages of workmen and for incidental and contingent expenses for the May office at New York for the the last fiscal year which may be withdrawn from Treasury and such requisites for that office may, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be applied to the payment of the wages of workmen and the incidental and contingent expenses of the Minist of the United States.

I have to ask you to call the attention of the appropriate Committee of Congress to this subject and to bespeak your influence in its behalf.

There can be no valid objection to it, because
my estimate was predicated upon the expectation
that the Appay office would be in operation in
the early part of that annual year, and consequently
there would be nearly no tax a diminution
of our expenses here. With the expense of
strict economy I have endeavored to avoid
the necessity of furnishing additional means,
but I now think it important that the
authorities should be given to make the
transfer in question. If the proposition
is acceptable I will present you with a
statement showing the amount and will
bequeir.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
Saml. A. P. Underdon

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Vice of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Recd Feb
1854

BANKING OFFICE OF J. THOMPSON,

No. 2 Wall Street, New-York, Feb 29 1854

J. Engle Agent, Esq.

Dear Sir, I enclose my draft on

Drexel & Co. Phila. for \$2000 for which
please send T. J. Adams, Chicago, Ill.
1/4th dues & 1/2 dues & oblige

Yours &c
J. Thompson

On acknowledging this to me please
say whether you forward specie to
various parts of the country free
from exprep charges - J. T.

Clark Feb. 25

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| | Vault No. 1, per memo: | 873,278. x |
| | " No. 2 " | 435,993.39 x |
| | 3 | 213,593.14 x |
| 1,080 ✓ | Plant. - No. 1 | ✓ 102.00 x |
| 5,560 ✓ | Plant 2 1/2 | ✓ 1,150.00 x |
| 2,675 ✓ | Plant 1 1/2 | ✓ 4,150. x |
| 1,457.50 ✓ | Plant | ✓ 11,260.15 |
| 57.00 ✓ | Vault No. 10 | ✓ 208,000 |
| 193.50 ✓ | | 1,747,526.68 |
| 20.25 ✓ | Del. | 10. |
| 1.00 ✓ | | 1,747,536.68 |
| 5.60 ✓ | Bal. for ap. | 1747 534.68 |
| 200. ✓ | | |
| 11,260.15 | | Surplus \$2.00 |

4930.65

Treasury Department,
February 25th 1857,

Sir:

You will be worth receive for deposit in the cabinet and registry of spurious coins, directed to be established at the Mint in Philadelphia, by my letter of the 8th of December last, two counterfeit gold coins of the denominations of two dollars and a half and one dollar, transmitted to the Department as specimens of those circulated by John Gillespie, arrested on the 9th inst, and subsequently convicted for that offence, by the Court of Common Pleas of Edmonson County Indiana.

Very respectfully,

Wm Pitt Smith,

James A. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq.,
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Annapolis Feb 25th 1854

Sir,

I have several lumps of California gold weighing in all about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce which I wish to have coined or get coined money for. how much do you give a foot of pure gold. Please answer immediately.

I remain your
Obedt servant
J. A. Sawyer.

Mint of the United States.
Phil: March 3, 1856.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ult: I have
to state that no deposit of gold and silver of 100
thous \$ 100.00.

I am very Respectfully

Samuel R. Snowden
Director.

Mr. G. A. Sawyer,
Annapolis,
Maryland.

Geneva, Kane County, Ill. 25th 2nd 31

The Minister of the Interior, Washington.

Respected Sirs.

I have in my pocket
seen the original die for the "Washington Copper Cent." I en-
close a rubbing from an impression therefrom, showing
obverse and reverse. said rubbing scarcely does the die justice, for
the tin foil is too thick. It is perfect beautiful preservation
and fit for immediate use if such were desired.

I believe there is a collection of such national mat-
ters at Washington. I therefore write to say if it be worthy
your attention, and it were desired to add it to the collection
or to use it for other purposes I would dispose of it for
\$100.00 (one hundred dollars) and irrespective of its histori-
cal interest and numismatic value, so fine a die could not
now be engraved for that sum.

I remain

respectfully

Wm. W. Chisler.

Treasury Department
February 24 1854

Sir

Permit me to call your attention
to the 3^d Sect. of the Act of Congress of 3 March
1843 and other Acts requiring reports to be made
at the Office of certain foreign Coins and report
of the result made to Congress at least once a
year - and to enquire whether such report
has been made during the last year - and
if not, to request that it may be made as
early as convenient, that the result may be
communicated to Congress.

I am, very Resptly

~~James Guthrie~~
Sec Treasury

J Rob Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
February 24. 1854.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter dated the 22nd inst. enclosing the acceptance of Mr. Mayer of the appointment of Asst. Meller Refiner at the assay office in N York. Mr. M's salary will be paid from the time he enters on the duties in Professor Booth's Department.

You will be pleased to provide for the necessary storage of the articles referred to in your letter, until they can be sent to N York.

I am very Resp^t

Sam^l H^l M^r
Sec^y Treasury.

J. Ruf. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Phila^{de}

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, February 24th 1854.

Sir

In conformity with the instructions
contained in yours of the 15th and 21st instant,
I have this day issued warrants transferring
from the Mint to the Treasury of the United States
at Philadelphia, Two hundred & ninety eight
thousand three hundred & thirty four 42,100
dollars being the profits of the Mint from April 1st
to December 31st 1853.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,
Your faithful servant

James R. Snowden
Director.

Wm James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.

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Minist. of the Interior, Bureau
Wash. D.C. Feb. 24, 1854.

Sir,

I have your letter of yesterday. The report
you refer to, was sent to you on the 28th of
the last month, the day after I sent my annual
report to the President. I gently regret that
it has miscarried. I stated in a private letter
accompanying the report that I thought it would
be appropriate to have that report printed with the
annual report, the two together would make an in-
teresting document. I also noticed two or three errors
which were made in transcribing my annual re-
port, and regretted the chance of having the correction
made in italics and pointed out by me.

I hope on examination that you will
find the report and the letter correct, but to
provide for the loss of the report I herewith
send you a copy.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

P.S. I sent a copy to you this
morning stating where the
report was made.

$$\begin{array}{r} 14856 \\ 40 \overline{) 1485600} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 33854 \\ 18999 \\ \hline 14855- \end{array}$$

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Bank of the Republic,

New York 23 Feb'y - 1844

J. Edgar McQuibben
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir, Mr. Edleman made
his appearance today and I
return you the accompanying Cert. by
Dep. for cancellation - also the
right to me 134 ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ of paper
separated, when you will please
hand it over to Capt. Comings
for my credit -

Mr. E. was acting for a
dealer of furs named Holland
in Georgia and hence my
ignorance of him -

Very truly, &c

J. F. Totten

as Capt.

Hope and by advising me the
amount of the gold given -

Smith of the United States
Phila. Pa. Feb. 22, 1854,

Sir

In accordance with your instructions contracts were entered into to have the apparatus & fixtures for the New York assay office ready during the present month. They are nearly all completed and the matter cannot retain them for want of space. At the Mint we have no possible room for them. I have therefore to request your permission to have them stored until they may be sent to New York. The building will probably not be enclosed before the middle of April and the greater part of the articles cannot be put up there for some time. The storage will therefore be for about 3 months.

Mr. Abner S. Allen, Assayer of the assay office reported to me for duty yesterday. I enclosed his letter of acceptance. My attention has been called to that portion of his letter of appointment in which it is stated that his compensation is fixed at \$1500, per annum, to take effect when he shall enter upon the duties of his office, under the direction of the Director of the Mint. In my letter of the 15th inst, I quoted Dr. Lott's remark that "Mr. Abner S. Allen is desirous of entering immediately."

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a Feb. 22, 1854.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, Contracts were entered into to have the apparatus and fixtures for the New York Assay Office ready during the present month. They are nearly all completed and the makers cannot retain them for want of space. As the Mint we have no suitable room for them, I have therefore to request your permission to have them stored until they may be sent to New York. The building will probably not be enclosed before the middle of April and the greater part of the articles cannot be put up therefore before June. The storage will therefore be for about 3 months.

Mr. Morfit, Asst. Mgr. & Refiner of the Assay Office reported to me for duty yesterday. I enclose his letter of acceptance. My answer is also enclosed to that portion of his letter of appointment in which it is stated that his "Compensation is fixed at \$1500 per annum, to take effect when he shall enter upon the duties of his Office, under the directions of the Directors of the Mint." In my letter of the 15th inst I quote Dr. Cobb's remark that "Mr. Morfit, if appointed, is desirous of entering immediately

into Prof. Booth's department, that he may become
thoroughly conversant with his duties." Mr. W.
is now here for that purpose, and I suppose
we may regard him, so far as relates to his
salary, as having entered upon the duties of his
appointment. I submit this to your consideration
in order that your opinion may be made
known to Mr. Morfit.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel Ross Snowden,
Inspector.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Bank of the Republic,

New York 22 Feb - 1854

W. J. Eagle Regus

U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I write a hurried
line merely to our rec^d. of
Jan 21st. - Mr Eddleman
is unknown to me but he may
know our Bank and hence
is depositing the funds in
my name - When he
appears I will make the
correct impression -

Very truly

J. H. Smith

Co. W.

Launceston July 21. 1854.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

We have
just been informed, that
the vessel having the 75
keps plumb, of which
we have given you an order.

Was sent off Capt. May
at the 10th inst.

We have now ready 50
keps, which we propose
to send to you, by the next
expedition route.

Yours Very Respectfully,
Alfred Russel Wallace

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
Feb'y 21st 1854

Sir:
I have this day received your Return Account
for the Quarter ending 31st December last.
Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt.

L. L. Smith
1st Auditor

To
Hon Wm L Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Boston Feb 21, 1854

To the Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed please find original Invoice of nine Bars of Silver, forwarded this day by Adams Co's Express. I will thank you to have the Silver assayed at your earliest convenience, and forward me a certificate of the amount. Please note the assay made in Chile, which is returned as nearly pure, the correctness of which I trust will be confirmed.

Respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Elisha G. Loring

Washburn & Co.

No. 31 Wall Street

New York, July 24 1854

To Messrs. the Trustees

of the

City of New York

of the

on this day send you for Chicago
a bag of wire marked it is for the
wire dust. It is about 1000 lbs.
and is made of wire and is
of the same quality as the

wire.

Washburn & Co.

7 March. Received Mr. Oates - requests his attention. Some
sentiment & was variously ^{and rapidly} times packaged

Mr. James W. Smullen.

Permitting Monday Feb 21st 1874

Respected Sir, Mr. Brother George Austin and
their Agent have Five Boxes containing Five \$1100 and other \$200
making \$2600. of American Silver purchased to your name at that
you will please take care of them as my brother or any call
will be taken in a day or two of weather permits we will
return you as the best specimen you can as the Silver is not
Wagon, you will find. If you please you may receive
the Boxes and contents within safe of our date come
five days or two as the Steam is now unavoidable to go out in
O. B. we again the freight on Two Boxes to the State of Georgia to the Agent's Office

Wished before the 2 boxes - by Henry, after 3
as directed by Col. S.

Duplicate

No Invoice enclosed

Boston Feb 21, 1854

*To the Treasurer of the Ministry
Philadelphia 3*

Sir

*Enclosed, please
find original Invoice of nine bars of Silver
forwarded this day by Adams Ex. Express.
I will thank you to have this Silver
assayed at your earliest convenience, and
forward me a certificate of the amount*

*Please note the assay made in White
which is returned as nearly pure, the correctness
of which I trust will be confirmed*

*Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.*

Elisha G. Loring

The Gold Deposited yesterday
was done in error, will you
be so kind to Return it to
Bearer and Oblige

Drupill

Dear Sir

I enclose the bill for Book Jan, it does not
include painting and graining - these items have been paid for
one without charge to the school - I shall be happy to pay
also a part of the enclosed

Very Respectfully

Yours
A. S. Cash

March 1. 1884.

Treasury Department
Dec. 16. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 17th instant
was duly received. Upon reflection it is thought
best that the gain on the coinage at the Mint
should be deposited with the Assistant Treasurer as
suggested in the letter from the Department dated
the 15th instant.

Should it be desirable to increase
the bullion fund a transfer draft may be given
for the required amount.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint:
Philad.^a

Mint United States,
Phil^a. Feb. 18th 1854

It is directed, that on and after March
1st next, the half dollar and smaller Silver
Coins, will be exchanged for Gold Coins
in sums of Five dollars, and in larger
amounts as heretofore.

James R. Thompson,
Director.

Put up a notice of the above.
as follows:

Silver Coins,
will be exchanged for gold in sums of
Five dollars and in larger amounts as
heretofore.

John

DD

7465
Dec 16 - Geo O. Townbridge & Sons 407,600-472,920

Rec'd 27th
and so

\$8752.92

Mitchell Sheboygan, Wis.

Feb 18th 1854

Treasurer &
Assayer of Mint in Philadelphia

Dear Sir

On favor I
would ask at your hands,
George O. Townbridge delivered
to you, (through Adams & Co
Express) a package of Gold
the amount of which was
\$8752.92 - The date, between
the 14th & 20th Dec. 1852

Now I want to know, if he
(G. O. Townbridge) deposited any
other parcel of Gold Dust in
the Mint about the same
date, through the Express Co
or otherwise, or since that
time - If so, please give me
the date and amount

These questions are not
asked out of curiosity to
know what he is worth:
But to know whether he
has dealt honestly with the
widow of his cousin B. C. Dwyer
who died on his passage home
from Cal. in company with Ed
George, and his effects fell into
his hands. Therefore please be
particular and if there be a
fee due you therefor it shall
be forwarded you by the Admin-
istrator of B. C. Dwyer's Estate
Albert Homestead

Very
Respectfully,
Albert Homestead
15 Oct 94

Agent of the United States.
Philad^a: Feb. 13, 1854.

Sir,
I have your favor of the 15th inst. For the
seasons stated in some of my recent letters, and
will be pretty hands prepared to pay depositors
promptly. I beg therefore to state that it will be
inconvenient, at the present time, to transfer the
sum of \$298,334.⁴² (the amt. of profits of this mint
for the last year) to the Assistant Treasurer's office, and
thus withdraw that amount of coin from our
means of payments.

This plan suggested in my letter
of the 14th inst to place the amount to the credit of
the United States Bullion account in the Mint, where
it will be subject to your transfer draft, will
believe us from that entanglement.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James B. Snowden,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Wilmington, N.C.

Minist. of the United States
Phil^a. Feb. 17. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 13th inst. stating
that I had nominated you to Asst. M^{rs}.
& Asst. of the Army office at New York.
I have now the pleasure of enclosing
your appointment.

As suggested by me, the Secretary of
the Treasury has directed you to report,
for duty, to me at the Mint.

You can suit your own convenience
as to the time of coming here.

I am very respectfully,
Yours, &c. &c. &c.
Saml. May, President
Director.

Clarence Mottet Esq
Asst. M^{rs}. & Asst.
New York Army office.
New York.

New York Nov 17/54

Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dr Sir

We send today by
Adams Co Express 2 packages well
boxed - one marked S.H. #17
do " S.H. #14 which
oblige us by have arranged separately and
please forward us the assay certificates
of each lot (as they belong to different
parties) with the coin by the same
Express & oblige Yours &c

Edw W Tamm

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a Feb. 17, 1854.

Sir,
I have received your favor of the 14th inst.,
enclosing the appointment of Clarence M. Pitkin
as Asst. Minter & Receiver at the Albany Office & send
you, and I have transmitted the same to him,
with the request that he will report himself
to me for duty.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James P. Thompson,
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Transfer of the Rights of the debtors
to the Assistant Treasurer Office
suggesting the placing of the sum
of \$100,000 in the U.S. Treasury account in the debtors
to the
298,334 ⁴²/₁₀₀

Banking House of
 Treas. U. of Mint
 Phila. *3* *10* *10*
 Drexel Sather & Church

San Francisco July 15 1851

Wm. Thompson
 Livingston's Express will place in the
 next Gold Bullion shipped by us
 today at following:

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|------|
| - 222 containing 9 Bars | 1572 | of 1/2 | 1572 |
| - 224 " 13 " | 1397 | of 1/2 | 1397 |
| - 225 " 15 " | 1538 | of 1/2 | 1538 |
| - 226 " 1100 Twenty Dollars pieces | | | |

for assay and credit of Wm. Thompson
 Phila.

Wm. Thompson
 Drexel Sather & Church

Treasury Department
February 15. 1854.

Sir

Agmt of yesterday has been received. Be pleased to request the Treasurer of the Mint to deposit the amount to the credit of the Treasurer Ab. States with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia stating particularly from what source the money was received.

I am very Respectfully
Yours &c
Sec. Treasury

J. R. Snowden &
Director of the Mint.

Copy

Mint of the United States.
Chicago: Feb. 15, 1854.

Dear Sir, I have your favor of yesterday, enclosing a letter from Dr. Cobb.

Being favorably impressed with your merits ~~and information chiefly derived from Prof. Booth~~ I have this day written to the Sec. of the Treasury and recommended your appointment as Assistant Minter and Refiner at the New York Agency, Dr. Cobb has stated

And as I have suggested that it is desirable, ~~in case your appointment is made,~~ that you should immediately ~~enter upon your duties~~ and come to the Mint enter the Minter & Refiner department of the Mint here, in order that you may practically understand the duties which lie before you, in case the appointment is made.

I am very Respectfully,
S. A. V.

Mrs. Clarence Morfit
New York

Ans. Feb. 16.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
Feb. 15th 1854

Sir,

In pursuance of directed warrant No 29 "Silver Profit
Loss is charged and "Silver Comage" credited with the sum
of \$69.⁰⁰ being the premium paid on \$2,868.⁰⁰ in silver dollars
purchased at Assistant Treasury at 4 per cent by authority
of the Treasury Department and now repaid.

I will thank you to furnish a copy of the authority
referred to

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant

L. L. Smith
Auditor

To

Hon. Saul Hingon
Treasurer ad. Int.
Philadelphia

Ans^d Feb. 17 returning dft. to us \$1100.

Seneca County Bank
LC Roy Feb 15. 1884

D. Thompson Esq Great
Lee

Your letter of the 13th
instaut is received. After receiving your letter
stating you had not received the dft. I stopped
its payment and sent another of same amount
through Adams Co, who procured the coin
of you, and have forwarded it to us. You may
if you please return the dft

Very Respectfully
J. S. Leonard Esq

31 long
2 1/2 wide

Dear Sir

We will take the
sweepings for the Penney
Line to London at the rate
of 60 shillings per ton for flour
the freight shall not exceed
60 shillings per ton and may
amount to not over 50 shillings

If you can send us the
dimensions of one cask say
width & length we can tell
exactly -

Yrs truly
Edmund A. Boudier

Wm Geo. F. Dunning Phila July 10 1854
U.S. District

Rec^d. & Ans^d. 17th

Bank of Portland Me.
Feb 15th 1854
David Sturgeon Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint

Sir

Your favor of

the 9th inst. is rec^d.

I do not hear anything from Adams &
in relation to the lost key of coin.

I enclose my check on Metropolitan
Bank N.Y. for \$1,500, for which please
send me by Express - via New York & Albany
silver coin as follows.

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1/4 \$ | \$1,000 |
| Quarters & halves | 500 |

Respectfully Yours &
D. B. Page Esq.

(The Express charge to be paid here -)

Copy

M. W. S.

Phil^a. Feb. 15, 1854

Dr. Sir, Mr. Clarence Merspo^r has just
of the 13th inst in a letter ⁱⁿ which he states
that he is prevented by ^{temporary} business
engagements from presenting it in person.

In compliance with your wishes,
and believing that Mr. M. is a fit person
for your appointment, I have written to the
Secy of the Treas^y and reg^d his app^t. As
suggested by you I have also presented
the ^{being} propriety of his immediately detailed
for duty at the Mint here, so that
he may be practically acqu^t with
his duties.

I am with respectful
d^r

D. J. Cobb,
Boston
Mass.

J. P. V.
Secy

Office Assistant Treasurer
United States Boston July 15
1854

Received from the United States Mint
at Philadelphia by Adams & Co's Express
Ten Stages said to contain Fifty
Thousand Dollars in Silver Coins.

Thomas M. Beard
Assistant Treasurer
U. S. at Boston.

New York, July 14th 1854

Col. J. R. Snodden
W. L. McInt
Phil.

Dear Sir

I have the honor
to hand you the enclosed letter from
Dr. Cobb, which temporary business
engagements prevent me from presenting
in person.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Clarence Morfit

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. Feb. 14. 1854.

Sir,

It is made my duty by the act of
March 4th. 1853, c. 97, to cause to be paid annually
into the Treasury of the United States, the
profits of that Mint. These profits are derived
from the coinage charge of one half of one
per centum, amounting to the sum of
\$112,015,62, the gain on the coinage of
Silver under the act of March 3^d. 1853, c. 96,
amounting to \$155,109,32, and the profits
on copper coinage from July 1st to Dec. 31, 1853,
amounting to \$1,208,98, total profits transmittable,
on 31st of Dec. 1853, to the Treasury of the United
States, \$298,334,42.

As the act just recited does not
specify how the transfer shall be made,
I beg leave to suggest, that I shall be
authorized to instruct the Treasurer
of the Mint, to place the above sum
of \$298,334,42. to the credit of the United
States Bullion Account, where it will be the
subject to your transfer order.

Wm James Guthrie.

I have
J. R. S.

Recd 18 Feb
Ans'd 20

Moira Feb. 14 1854

Dr Sir

Three weeks since I wrote you
in relation to a mint receipt. I
have in my possession payable to
my order - I directed to have a
certificate of the mint proceeds of
the receipt forwarded to me as
soon as possible - As yet I
have not heard from you in
relation to the matter & conclude my
letter or your reply must have
miscarried - Will you do me
the favor to advise me if the
former letter was received &
what has been done in relation
to the matter and oblige

Yours Respectfully,
Wm. Darrach

Recd. & ansd. Feb. 20/54

Montague Mass Feb. 14th 1854

To the Cashier of the United States
Mint Philadelphia sir I sent the above date
Feb 14th by Express from Greenfield Mass thirty
eight ²⁸ ounces of Gold Dust to be coined.
If the above does not arrive at your Office
in a suitable length of time please write me,
I wish to have it coined and sent by Express
to me George B. Richardson ^{at} Greenfield Mass.
I live in Montague seven miles distant
from Greenfield but the Express starts from
Greenfield Mass, I directed the Express to
have it sent back in gold coined but if you
send a draft on any bank please send one
on either of the two banks in Greenfield Mass
in your usual way of doing business, directed to
me at Montague Mass, but if you send it by Express
~~the~~ please pay the expense and take a receipt

Yours &c. George B. Richardson
Montague Mass,

Treasurer Department
February 14. 1854.

Sir

Enclosed you will find the
appointment of Clarence Major Esq. to be
assistant Melter and Refiner at the assay office
at N. York. Mr. Major will report himself
to you for duty.

I am very Resp
Jas Guthrie
Sec Treasury

I Recd forwarded by
Director of the Mint.
Philad.

Boston Feb. 13. 1854

Dear Sir,

The bearer, Mr. Clarence Morfit,
is the gentleman of whom I wrote you sometime
since, as being a well qualified practical Chem-
ist.

His appointment to the office of ~~Assistant~~
Miller & Refiner, in the "Assay Office of N. York"
would be agreeable to me.

Mr. Morfit, if appointed, is desirous of
entering immediately into Prof. Beeth's department,
that he may become thoroughly conversant with
his duties.

Very respectfully yours &c.
J. C. Cobb

Col. J. R. Shoups,

Director &c.

Philadelphia,

Pa.

New York Feb. 11th 1854

To the Director of the Mint

Sir

A collector of
coins in this city offers
\$5 dollars for a Cent
piece of 1815 after asking
several stage men and
grocers to keep a look out
for such coin without
success, I was told the
other day there was no
cent piece coined in 1815.
will you please inform
me whether there were any
coined at the mint or not
in that year yours Respectfully

A. Stevens

Care of St. Little & Co
53 Front St.

W. W. States
Phila. Feb. 15, 1854,

Sir,

In reply to your engaging letter
of the 11th inst. (etc. this morning) I have
to state that no cents were coined struck
at the Mint during the year 1853.

I am very Respect

W. W. States

Mr. A. Stevens
N. York

Mint of the United States,
Chicago? Feb. 11, 1854.

Sir,

I enclosed a statement of the amounts
and denominations of coin on hand at the
Mint to-day.

The balance is small on account of
the suspension of the refining operations. These
operations are now resumed, and next week
we will be largely supplied with coin.

Our prompt payments were not less a
hundred; and we have therefore hoped the
point of difficulty stated in my former
letter.

Mr. Colvernil was with me to-day,
and we will make arrangements for the
early delivery of the millions of silver
bullions from New Orleans.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours faithfully,
James A. B. Fremont
Lieut. Col.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Office of Assistant Treasurers
United States Boston February
17th 1854

Received of the Treasurer of the United
States at the Mint at Philadelphia
Fifty kegs Silver Coin said to
contain One Hundred and fifty
Thousand Dollars. \$250000.00

Thamias M. Beard
Assistant Treasurer
of the United States
at Boston.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
February 11th 1854.

Sir,

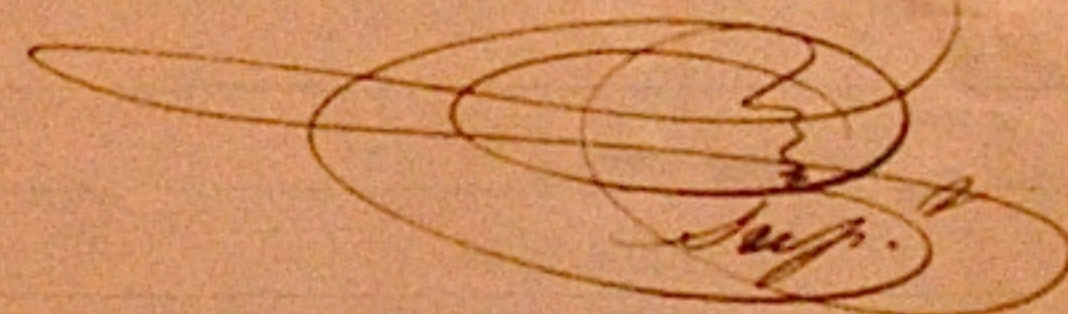
I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 5th inst. Yesterday I have answered
yours of the 30th of January and first of Febry, and
forwarded the statement asked for. I have herewith
Statement of the legal deductions from deposits at
this Branch Mint, from the year 1848 to 1853 inclusive.
Credited to Profit & Loss acct.

Very respectfully,

Your obt^d Serv^t

Chas. Breckenridge

James R. Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.



Treasury Department
February 11. 1854.

Sir

Enclosed you will find a
treasury draft on the ~~the~~ Treasurer of the Mint
in favor of the Depository at Cincinnati for \$5000.
Please to make arrangements for the remittance
of the amount \$5000 in silver coins of the several
denominations and then to deliver the draft to
Messrs. Adams & Co. to whom it is made payable.

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury

J. Rees Snowden
Treas. of the Mint.

569 \$5000.

Secretary's Office
Pittsburgh Feb 10 1854

Sir, I return you Draft
No 564 for \$20,000 with my
endorsement Wmson as requested
by your favor of the 8th instant.

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servt
Wm. Hasling
Secretary

Wm David Sturgeon
Cash. Treasury Notes
Philadelphia
Penn

Treasury of the U. S.
10 February 1854

Sir,

I have this day issued Transfer
draft \$500 on you, in favor of the Depository, Cincinnati
for \$5000. payable in silver coin.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant.
Sam. Casey
Treasurer U.S.

Treasurer U.S. Mount
Philadelphia
Penn.

Treasury Department
Feb. 8. 1841.

Sir

Your letter yesterday has been received. Messrs. Hunt, ~~Hunt~~ and Buchanans will be notified that the Commission will meet on Monday next at 9 O'clock A.M.

Robert Patterson Jr. has also been appointed a Commissioner, and has accepted. You will be pleased, therefore, to notify him if necessary of the time of meeting.

I am very Resp^t
Wm. H. G. G. G.
Sec. Treasury

J. R. Snowden &
Director of the Mint.

Ans. Feb. 9

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Feb 8th 1854.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Sir

The transfer draft
issued by the Treasurer of the U.S. on you, in
my favor, for \$500,000, payable in silver coins,
has not yet been transmitted for my endorsement.
If it is in your possession (as I suppose it to be) you
will oblige me, by forwarding it, so that I may
close the transaction on the books of this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d Servant.

John J. Cisco
Ass^t Treas^r.

Receipt
and Co

New York Feb 8. 1834

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We forwarded
you on 23 November last Four 7 Boxes
Silver 7 Dollars. The Return Certificate
of which you have either lost or mislaid
and you have the kindness to forward
duplicate of the same I much oblige

Very Respectfully Yours

John Sewall Esq
for John Feltus

1833- before
Nov 25. No. 2183- 6602.50 -
Cash + plate sum.

1380

988.10

1466.40

1667.50

1874.90

Proved for 2 No 29 in silver 18,100.97 6574.70 = 1221- 1850.97

And by Adams & Co's cart. sent by mail

Feb 11/54

Chicago Feb 7 1854

Samuel Maynard Esq
W. L. Hunt

Ala

Dear Sir

England, I

Send Your draft of \$1000 Bank of England this date
on 33/6 for 200 dollars. for which please
Send me by Express

100 dollars in quarters &
50 " each in dimes & 4p dimes

I oblige Yours
T. B. Carter

Sent by Adams & Co

Feb 11/54

Take receipt

T. B. Carter

Min^{tr} of the United States.
Phil^a Feb. 7. 1854.

Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday. The invoice of goods you speak of, is a humidic spray apparatus, which I ordered from Paris for the use of the New York Office. I have written to Mr. Radfield, the Collector at New York on the subject, and also to Dr. John Dorr, the Apoptist, to take charge of the apparatus so that it may be properly cared for, until operations are commenced there, and in the mean time he can use it for experimental purposes connected with his future official duties.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully &c.
Samuel R. Mendenhall
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a. Feb. 7, 1854.

Dear Sir,

The humidist Apay apparatus, which I
ordered from ~~Dr. J. H. H. H. H. H.~~ ~~Dr. J. H. H. H. H.~~
New York has arrived per steamer "Asia", consigned to
the Care of Messrs Vandanotte & Livingston. I have
written to the Collector, Mr. Redfield, to deliver it
to these gentlemen free of duty, it being entitled
to free entry.

It may be well for you to take
charge of the apparatus so that it may be properly
taken care of until you need it in your official
operations. in the mean time you could at your
own discretion use it for experimental purposes.

I presume this letter will elicit the receipt of
a special letter to the gentlemen above named.

I am, with great regard
Very and Respectfully yours
James R. Brown,
Director.

Dr. John Torrey,
Apay, Apay Office,
New York.

Minist of the United States.
Philad^a. Feb. 7. 1854.

Sir,

I learn that a humid Apay apparatus
which I had ordered from Paris, for the New York
Apay office has reached your port, per Steamer Asia.

It being for the use of the government is entitled
to free entry; you will please deliver the same
to Messrs Vanicourt & Livingston, to whom it was
consigned.

I will write to Mr John Torrey, the
Apayer of the New York Office to take charge
of the apparatus.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt servant,
Saml. Raf. Snowden
Director.

Hon. W. L. Redfield
Collector of the Port of
New York.

Chief of the Indian Police.
Albany: Feb. 7, 1865.

Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday, relative
to the Prop. of Sumner's Smith and have designated
as one of the Special Commissioners of the Am. Nat. Soc.
of Ag. With your leave, I inform Mr. Smith, and
the other gentlemen at Washington, viz. Major Hunter,
Henshaw, and MacKenzie, that I will be happy
to see them at the next Int. Exposition, to be
held in New York, the 13th inst.

I have a report from the Commissioner
of the Land, viz. Major Hunter, Major Hunter,
Mr. Porter, and Mr. MacKenzie, the last three being
at office Commissioners.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
James H. MacKenzie,
Attorney.

Rev. Sumner & Co.
111 N. 2^d St.
Washington City

Treasury of the U.S. States
February 7. 1854.

Daniel Sturgis Esq,
Treas of the Mint, Philade-
lphia

I enclose three drafts
for transfers from the Mint. No 562 for
\$ 40,000 to Richmond No 563 for \$ 20,000 to
Norfolk and No 564 for \$ 30,000 to Pittsburg.
The two first sums having been credited by
the respective Depositories, it is not necessary
to send them forward for their endorsement.
The last has not yet been credited in any return
from that Office.

Very respectfully
Wm. Casey
Treas. U.S. States

Treasury Department
February 6. 1854

Sir

It is represented to the Department by Messrs Vanzandt & Livingston of New York, under date of 3^d inst, that there has arrived at that port per Steamer "Asia" from Liverpool, an invoice of Machinery addressed to the U. S. Appay Office, New York.

Instructions have accordingly been given to the Collector at New York, on your forwarding to him a certificate that the said articles are for the use of the U. S. Appay Office at New York, and are, by the terms of purchase, entitled to free entry, to deliver the same to the order of Vanzandt & Livingston, free of duty or charges.

Very respectfully,

Your Obed. Servt

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
February 6. 1854.

Sir,

I have to inform you
that Professor S. Lawrence Smith has been
appointed one of the Commissioners upon the
affairs of the Coinage of the Mint & Boonches.

Professor Smith being in this City the appoint-
ment will be delivered to him here.

I am very Resp^t.

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

J. Ruf. Snowdens &
Directr of the Mint

Ans. Feb. 14

Southern Bank of Illinois,

Belleville, Feb 6. 1854.

Wm. L. Sturgeon Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Or Sir.

Yours 28th at hand and much obliged for the information. Will send a box of specie tomorrow to my friend R. W. Tingley of your city, who will attend to returning same by Express. It will be composed of 5 Frank's Mexican dolls and old halves.

Have not received returns for box sent the Mint 9th Jan. Hope it will be at St Louis soon.

I feel desirous to assist in doing away with the complaints against the Mint, because it is in your city, and therefore wish to distribute new coin as rapidly as possible.

Very Truly
Yrs. Winckley

AB

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Feb'y 4th 1854.

Genl Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir

I have this day
received, by Adams & Co's Express, thirteen kegs
of silver coins, said to contain Fifty thousand dollars,
which with the amount previously received, makes
\$500,000. The kegs, will be returned to you, as
fast as they are emptied.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d Servant,
J. M. F. C. C.
Asst^t Treas^r

Mint of the United States,
Phil^a. Dec. 3, 1854

Dear Sir,

I received to-day your favor of the
21st inst. I have written to the Secretary of the
Treasury and requested his sanction to your propo-
sition - and also to allow the to send with
Prof. Booth a practical and skillful workman

You will please give as long a notice
as possible of the day on which you desire
Prof. Booth to go to New York.

I have to thank you for your
former letter in reply to mine respecting the
completion of the building. The information
you gave me was received in time to be
stated in my report to the President.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your friend & servant,

Samuel R. Johnson
Secretary,

Capt. Lea W. Cullum
Capt U.S. Engineers &
Capt of Construction of
New York & Port Office.
West Point
N.Y.

Minst of the United States.
Chicago, Feb. 3, 1884.

Sir,

I have received a letter from Capt. Cullum
Super of Construction of the New York State office,
in which he states that about the 20th inst he will
be ready to commence the interior fitting up of
that office, at which time he wishes me, with your
approbation to allow Prof. Booth, our visitor and
superior, to go to New York to give him the benefit of
his experience and knowledge on the subject.

It was our plan to send Prof. Booth for
some days, at the time proposed. I have to ask your
sanction to Capt. Cullum's proposition, and also that
Mr. B. be permitted to take a practical and skilled
job workman with him.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Yours faithfully and sincerely,

Samuel R. Johnson
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Ans^d Feb. 9

Bank of Rutland
Rutland Vt. Feb 14th 1854

Treasurer W.S. Minch
Phila^a. D^h M

On 5th August last I
sent you my check on Metropolitan Bank
New York for \$100. with a request, that
you would send me a Reg. of Cents,
this check was No. 4751 - also on 8th August
I sent you my check on Metropolitan
Bank for \$100. with a like request, this
check was No. 4746.

On 12th August I recd one Reg. of
Cents \$100 for which I gave you credit,
it not occurring to me at the time
that I had sent for two Regs - for one
of the above check I have never recd
the Cents - both of the checks have been
charged my ac^t by the Metropolitan Bk.

Please again your ac^t's & write me how
you find them in regard to this matter,
for I am minus the \$100 -

Now you now send Silver change for my
check payable in N. York & taking a few
days to collect the same -

Respectfully
John B. Page

No 2234 - Silver - \$278.54 - 40 23 Dec - 1854

The Firm consists of
W. F. DALRYMPLE,
J. H. CARTER, Secy. & Cashier,
GERARD GUYER.

Recd 6 Feb
And 60 - BANKING HOUSE OF JOSIAH LEE & CO.
Baltimore, Feb 3^d 1854

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

On the 2^d Dec 1853 We sent to the mint by Adams & Co two bags of Silver Coin - The larger bag Contained two thousand dollars or a little over of the Old American Coinage, The smaller bag contained miscellaneous unassayed Silver. The lot cost us \$2847 and should have netted a small profit.

On the 5th Dec We received a Certificate of deposits for \$2146¹⁴ being a deficit of \$200⁴⁶ on the Cost of the Coin.

Please inform us by return mail whether our two bags were received and whether the seals were perfect or not. We have supposed it probable that the Certificate was for proceeds of the larger bag and that the value of the smaller was perhaps not yet adjusted - please advise.

Yours Truly

Josiah Lee & Co

New York Feb 2. 1854

D. Sturgeons Esq
Treasurer, W. F. Hunt, Phila.

Sir I have yours

of 1 Inst. - If the 80 Barrels of
Sweeps are laid down alongside
my ship Hendrick Hudson at
Pier 16 East River any day before
Thursday 9 Inst. I will take them to
London at 50¢ per Ton gross wt.

If you decide on sending them
drop me a line to apprise of the
fact

Truly Yrs
John Wiswold
A. Wiley

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, May 2nd 1854.

Sam^l Sturgeon Esq^r
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have this day
received ten keps silver coin, said to amount
to \$50,000. by Adams & Co's express, which makes
in all \$450,000.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servant,

Wm J Ciss
Asst^y Treas^r.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 1, 1854.

Dear Sir,

By the Acts of Feb. 21, 1853, and
March 3, '53, the standard weight of silver coins
issued subsequent to April 1, 1853, is fixed as
follows:

| | | |
|----------------|------------|-------|
| Half dollar | 192 grains | Tray. |
| Quarter dollar | 96 " | " |
| Dime | 38.4 " | " |
| Half dime | 19.2 " | " |

The weight of the silver dollar was not
changed, but still remains as fixed by the
Act of Jan. 18, 1837 at 412.5 grains.

The standard weight of new silver coins,
(dollar excepted,) is readily obtained in Troy ounces
by deducting $\frac{1}{16}$ of the value. For example
the st. weight of \$1000 is 800 ounces. The value
of a given weight in Troy ounces is of course
derived by adding $\frac{1}{16}$ to the weight.

In compliance with your request, I have given
orders to have a considerable portion of the silver
coins put up in bags of \$100 & \$200. Owing to
a difficulty in getting bags, I will thank you to
return to Messrs. Adams & Co. all that is unsold.

J. W. Ward, Esq.,
Ass. Treas. U. S.
Boston.

Very respectfully,
James R. Snowden
Director.

New York N.Y.
February 10th 1854

Dear Sir,

I am about twenty days I will be ready to commence the interior filling up of the New York Apog Office, when the experience and advice of Joseph Booth - the Master Mechanic of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia - will be of great service to me. I therefore wish, if he can be spared a short time from his present duties and it must come and his approval, that you will request the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury to authorize his coming to New York and at the same time to state out of what fund his travelling and boarding expenses will be paid.

Very Respectfully
Yours Most Obedt.

Geo. W. Coleman

Capt. U.S. Engineer
Chf. of construction
New York Apog Office

Asst. Wm. Snowden Esq
Director of Mints
Philadelphia

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, July 1st 1854.

Genl Sturgeon Esq^r
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have this day re-
ceived from the Mint, twenty kegs silver coin,
said to amount to \$100,000, making in all
\$400,000.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d Servant,

Wm. J. C. Wey
Ass^t Treas^r.